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To the Memory of
BENJAMIN TUCKER RICKETSON
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PREFACE

To all of us who are descended from WILLIAM RICKETSON, the Emigrant, it is a matter of deep regret that we know nothing of his birthplace nor of his English ancestry. Indeed we are so wholly without any guiding clue that we cannot even tell where to begin a search. Mr. Walton Ricketson, of New Bedford, opines that the name Ricketson may originally have been Rickatson; he has visited several of the name living in London and also in their country place in Yorkshire, England, and writes that William and John are favorite Christian names with them as with our American family. They are however, too generic to be really indicative, and a correspondence with the present representative of the Rickatsons, Miss Mary Jane Rickatson of Stokesley, Yorkshire, has brought forth only disappointment. Her family have lived in that neighborhood since the latter part of the eighteenth century, but she can carry her line no farther back than her great-grandfather, she can suggest no way in which more might be learned of her ancestry, nor has she ever heard of any other family bearing the same surname.

About 1851 one Eli Rickettson came to this country and settled in Erie County, New York. An attempt at correspondence with his sons was unsuccessful; hoping therefore to learn something of their English origin, which might help us, we went to see Mr. James Britport Rickettson, of East Aurora, New York. From him we found that his father came from Yoral, Somersetshire, England, and that the name as given in the Family Records and in an English chancery suit in which Eli was involved was called "Ricketts otherwise Rickettson." This seems to show the original patronymic to have been Ricketts and its development into Rickettson or Rickattson to be comparatively recent; again our hypothesis falls to the ground.

So far as we can judge, the name Ricketson in this country, save for one or two incidental cases of misspelling and several entries in

the early records where the name is given as Rickinson, has passed through but one change and that among the more illiterate branches of the family who call themselves Rickerson, especially in New York State and throughout the west.

We are forced for the present then to be content with these three meagre facts anent our first American ancestor: that he was an Englishman by birth, a carpenter and yeoman, and a Quaker. And in espousing the latter faith, he at least showed himself to be a man of courage, for if the Puritan creed led its believers along a straight and narrow way, it was yet a path of flowers compared to the stony road which the Quakers were called upon to tread. Persecuted even in this country and debarred from holding any public office, they were furthermore cut off from all intellectual development. Books, save for the enlivening pages of Fox's *Book of Martyrs* and John Griffith's *Journal* were forbidden by the narrow tenets of their faith; music was sinful and beauty and art equally so, hence we can scarcely wonder that, thus deprived of all intercourse with the "world's people," the horizon of the Quaker community was bounded by its own fields and hedgerows.

The descendants of William Ricketson's younger son Jonathan are as the sands of the sea, and many of the third generation were pioneers of the Quaker settlements in Dutchess and other New York Counties, and have left representatives in every State in the Union as well as in Nova Scotia and Australia. But the descendants of William Ricketson, Jr., the older son, few in number, have been a quiet, home-loving folk. Sometimes the blue waters of the Bay called to them, and they became whaling captains, but as a rule they remained in old Dartmouth, handing down from father to son the soil which they loved and tilled, and bequeathing too principles of honor and integrity which have stood the test when, with the wider creeds of later years, their children have gone forth into the world.

> "Let not Ambition mock their useful toil,
> The homely joys and destiny obscure"

of these "Fathers of the hamlet." For after all, have not the bone and sinew of our Country's strength been made from simple sturdy yeomen such as these, of whom we might quote Lowell's lines:

" The wisest man could ask no more of Fate
Than to be simple, modest, manly, true
Safe from the Many, honored by the Few,
Nothing to court in World or Church or State,
But inwardly in secret, to be great."

The dates in the Dartmouth Friends' Records, and the Dartmouth Vital Records, including the copy of the latter in the New Bedford Public Library, often conflict with one another, and to this variation must be attributed any discrepancies which may appear.

Last, but by no means least, let us acknowledge our appreciation and gratitude for the untiring help given us by Mr. William Prescott Greenlaw, Librarian of the New England Historic Genealogical Society of Boston, to Mr. George Henry Tripp, Librarian of the New Bedford Public Library, to Mr. William Arthur Wing and to Dr. Edward Tobey Tucker of New Bedford. We have also found useful *The Slocums of America*, by Dr. Charles Elihu Slocum, and *The Howland Family*, by Franklyn Howland.

G. W. E.

14 February, 1916.

WILLIAM RICKETSON

WILLIAM RICKETSON, JR.

AND THEIR

DESCENDANTS

1

WILLIAM RICKETSON,[1] born ——; married 14 May, 1679, Elizabeth Mott, daughter of Adam and Mary (Lott) Mott, born 6 August, 1659, died 1723; died 1 March, 1691.

Children:

2 i. REBECKAH,[2] b. 14 May, 1681, Portsmouth, Rhode Island.
3 ii. JOHN,[2] b. 11 February, 1682/3, Portsmouth.
4 iii. ELIZABETH,[2] b. 17 September, 1684, Dartmouth, Massachusetts.
5 iv. WILLIAM,[2] Jr., b. 26 February, 1685/6, Dartmouth.
6 v. JONATHAN[2], b. 7 April, 1688, Dartmouth.
7 vi. TYMOTHY[2], b. 22 January, 1689/90, Dartmouth.

William Ricketson was an Englishman and a Quaker and is supposed to have come to this country to avoid persecution on account of his religious faith. He settled first at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, where he hired a house of Giles Slocum who mentions in his will "five acres of land, with one Small Tiniment on it, laying in the Towne of Portsmouth in Rhode Island and now in the occupation of Will Rickinson house carpenter."

19 12th mo. 1682 the proceedings of the Town Meeting at Portsmouth show that "William Ricketson had presented a peti-

tion to set up a water mill for publick use" and on *4th 11th mo. 1683* William Ricketson's name was "propounded" as a freeman of the Town. *27 10th mo. 1685* a suit was brought with a claim of £800 by William Wood and five other men of Dartmouth purchasers of land of Woosanequin and Wamsutta against William Ricketson sen[r] and others, Defendants. The action was non suited, "no cause of action." Apparently William Ricketson moved to Dartmouth before 1684, as their third child was born there in that year, and at Dartmouth he built the beautiful old house on the upland meadow whose walls and chimneys were still standing in 1906. Mr. William Arthur Wing thus happily describes the old mansion: "This house . . . . built about ten years after King Philip's war, where, as Increase Mather wrote, 'Dartmouth did they burn with fire and barbarously murder both men and women' stands on the east side of Acoxet or Westport River.* It is

> 'Now fallen to decay
> With weather stains upon the wall
> And stairway worn and crazy doors,
> And creaking and uneven floors,
> And chimney huge and tall!'

Facing south on the upland, it commands a fine sweep of view, bay and good old New England country. The sunset softens the time-worn shingles and the crumbling stone of the massive chimney with its crude pilasters. Within, in spite of its pathetic desolation, the brave old beams and fine woodwork bespeak an early New England craftsman at his best.

"The wedding room, in which Rebeckah Ricketson was married to John Russell, with attractive corner beaufet and great fireplace in the simplicity of its appointments was in accord with the Friends. . . . . Up winding stairs, in the great chamber above was a chimney piece (now in the Rooms of the Old Dart-

* The site of this house is in the town of Westport, originally a part of Dartmouth from which it was set off.

mouth Historical Society), called by experts the first of its time now extant in Massachusetts. Clambering up to the loft to watch the last rays of the setting sun upon the hills, the river and far-off islands you feel your ancestor, William Ricketson, builded well. Elizabeth Mott Ricketson, his wife, came from Portsmouth, Rhode Island, where her parents were well-known Friends. Her grandparents, first comers of the Motts, had been members of the Church of Reverend John Eliot, Apostle to the Indians. In 1694 Elizabeth Ricketson was one of the two women named in the confirmatory deed to the proprietors of Dartmouth."

As has been shown by the preceding extracts, William Ricketson was a carpenter and a skilful workman as well. The old house must have been quite a mansion for those early days, with a square room on either side of the front door and corresponding chambers above. Part of the original estate, the land lying on Buzzards Bay, at the head of Apponagansett River, in Padanarum Village, now called South Dartmouth, has passed down through seven generations of the name, and William Ricketson's descendants have their summer home there. This little point of land, jutting out into Buzzard's Bay, is designated on the maps as Ricketson's Point; and it is a picturesque fact that in Almejas Bay on the Pacific Ocean another Ricketson's Point is named for a descendant of William Ricketson's son Jonathan.

William Ricketson's will was dated 29 of 12th month, "called February 1691" and witnessed by Valentine Huddleston (of Newport) and by Mary (Mark) Mereyhough.

The Inventory of his estate, dated 31 May, 1707, copied from the original, is as follows:

	£	s.	d.
Imprimus, the Lands and Houefen and orchard att . . .	240	00	00
Item to Cash	025	00	00
A gridiron, a tramel, a pare of tongs and meat fork att . .	000	12	00
a smouthing Iron & heater, and A pair of stilyards wt. a Glas bottel att	000	13	06
A Quart pott, a Platter & a porrenger & a grater & a bouch att .	000	08	09

A warming pan; a. spice morter, and. 6. trenchers att . .	000	08	00
2 Chees fats and. a. table, a Chear a gun barrel a saw. and. two Chiels. wt. A spit. att	001	16	06
2 Iron pots with 2 pare of pott hooks, with a bedstead and Bed att	002	10	00
2 Chenes, & a Clevis, and pin, and. a. forke. and a. ring & Steaple, wt; an, Iron bar, at	001	13	09
An old Grist mill, with a fulling stock on one side of her, att .	015	00	00
4: treas a pail a Ladle a. Churn with. 2. Barrels	000	10	00
2: Smal Chests 2. bedsteds. 2 pare of Curtains with. 5. blankets att	003	16	00
20: plane stocks. wt. Irons. 10. augers. 4. Sawes a holdfast. wt. a. Bench hook. at	003	06	00
A gy.nttu.re,* a Iron foote. 2. Ropes an. Adds. a. drawing knife, wt. old Iron att	000	17	00
3: wedges. A branding iron. a Curry Come. a. sickel, and. a. fro, att	000	09	00
2. box rules a Squar. with a pare of dividers att . . .	000	07	00
6: Cowes. 2. oxen, 6. yearlings. with. 6. other. young Cattel; att	036	08	00
A. hors, and mare; and yearling. & 30. sheep. &. 30 Goates. with. 5. swine, att	026	15	00
: Att. Daniels Woods; a, Bed. &. bolster. one. Coverled. 2. pillowes with. an. old blanketes	001	10	00
A flaging. a. platter. an Iron Pott. &. potthooks with. a. Skillet att	000	18	00
6: Napkins. one pare of sheets; a. table Cloth. 2. pillow, beeres att	002	00	00
A Cradle. and. pillow	000	04	00
Att. John. Rusels; a. platter, a. Jug: 6. napkins with A. table Cloth. att	001	02	00
.2. Pillow beeres. A. pillow. A Coverled. with. feathers. and. wooll: att	001	18	06
The total Sum is	367	17	00

This Inventory was taken the : 31 : day of may 1707 : By us : In Dartmouth

JOSEPH TRIPP.
DELIVERANCE SMITH.
GEORGE CADMAN.

BRISTOL, June 4th 1707.

Elizabeth wing late widow & Relict of William Recketfon formerly of Dartmouth in the County of Bristol Deceased for her part did Appear before Nathal Byfield Esqe. Judge of Probate of wills &c. within the County of Briftoll & follemly say in the presence of God. that ye above written is a true account of what her sd Deceased Husband dyed seized of and is is Come once to her Knowledge & yt when she knows of any more she will Reveale it And Mathew wing her own † Husband Admr to the Eftate of the abovesd william Recketson Did allso at the same time follomly say in like manner the above written is a true account of the estate sometime belonging to ye sd william Recketson and when he Knows of any more he will Reveale it that may be Recorded:

JOHN CARY Regr.‡ CORAM [NATHL] BYFIELD.

*In the Record "Jointer" †In the Record "now"

‡Bristol County Probate Records, ii. 179. The Division of William Ricketson's estate took place 10 October 1707 (Bristol Probate Records, ii. 183).

Elizabeth, widow, now wife of Mathew Wing, received all movables or personal estate and use and improvement of uplands in a place in Dartmouth called by the name of Peetborhest being about 30 acres of land during her natural life and then to be divided between William and Jonathan Ricketson, William to have $\frac{1}{3}$ and Jonathan $\frac{2}{3}$ with the condition that Mathew Wing do pay to Daniel Wood who married Elizabeth Ricketson one of the daughters of the deceased £8 and two young cattle to be paid forthwith . . . . Daniel Wood to have in right of his wife Elizabeth 50 acres of land not yet divided but agreed upon to be laid out in proportion to 800 acres to a share and an equal right to future divisions being a fifth part of land belonging to the Real Estate.

John Russell, husband to Rebeckah, shall have the same.

The homestead to be equally divided as to quantity William Ricketson Jr. to have the South part; Tymothy to have the northward part where the dwelling house is. In consideration of his part being the better he is to pay unto his brother William the sum of six pounds within one year after he comes into possession.

Mathew Wing appointed Tymothy's guardian. William Ricketson appointed guardian of his brother Jonathan who is to have middle or shore part of said land. Other lands to be divided. This agreement was satisfactory to all the heirs and was signed by them.

After the death of William Ricketson a claim was made to $81\frac{3}{8}$ acres of a share of undivided land deeded to him by Hananiah Gaunt dated 13 January 1684 and also other claims.*

4 September 1696, Elizabeth, widow of William Ricketson, married Mathew Wing (*Stephen*[3] *John*[2] *Mathew*[1]) and the various mentions of him in the deeds seem to show that he made an acceptable "father-in-law" to her children. They all lived together in the Ricketson house until the marriage of Jonathan

* Dartmouth Land Records.

Ricketson in 1710. Mathew[1] Wing and his wife had the following children:

i. Joseph Wing, b. 21 February, 1696/7.
ii. Benjamin Wing, b. 2 February, 1698.
iii. Abigail Wing, b. 20 February, 1701/2.

2

Rebeckah[2] Ricketson, daughter of William[1] and Elizabeth (Mott) Ricketson, born 4 May, 1681, Portsmouth, Rhode Island; married 5 April, 1704 at Dartmouth, John Russell, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Russell, born 29 November, 1679, Dartmouth, died —— 1767; died 24 March, 1751.

"In ye town of Dartmouth on ye 25th day of ye 2nd month (called April) 1704 a meeting was appointed on purpose at ye house of Martha (Mathew) Wing, for the marriage of John Russell and Rebeckah Ricketson, their being nothing to hinder and their intentions being duly published." Mathew Wing's house was the house built by Rebeckah's father William Ricketson, but now occupied by her mother and step-father.

The simple ceremony of the Friends took place in the room on the right of the front door, in one corner of which was the beaufet and with windows looking out over the meadow and the brook where her brother John built his grist mill. The bridegroom, John Russell, and his twin brother first saw the light in the fort at the head of Apponagansett River, for King Philip's cruel war was raging when the babies were born. A few traces of the earth works of the fort, which was on the easterly side of the river in "Joseph Russell's orchard" still remain and the little brook yet flows across the meadows which gave water to the inmates of the fort.

John Russell was a blacksmith and farmer; he lived at Mishaum Point. His will, dated 11 June, 1751, left to his son John his homestead land. His will was proved 3 August 1767.

24 February, 1753, John Russell married widow Deborah (Earle) Hunt daughter of Ralph Earle and widow of Adam Hunt.

In regard to the Russell family we are much indebted for help to the "Descendants of John Russell" by Barret Beard Russell, published in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register. When our dates have differed from his, we have followed our own as they were taken from original sources. Mr. Russell ascribes a tenth child to John Russell. We think he must have mistaken John Russell's granddaughter, Rebecca Allen, whom the latter mentions in his will, for a daughter.

Children:

i. ELIZABETH[3] RUSSELL, b. 19 April, 1705, Dartmouth; m. 1 March, 1721/2, Abraham Tucker son of Abraham and Hannah (Mott) Tucker, b. 5 March, 1697; d. ——; d. 9 October, 1724. Abraham Tucker was a farmer. He lived in what is now North Dartmouth on the Tucker Road and his farm joined his brother Henry's at the south. Children:

1. *Rebecca*[4] *Tucker*, b. 18 December, 1722.
2. *James*[4] *Tucker*, b. 23 September, 1724.

ii. REBECKAH[3] RUSSELL, b. 23 July, 1706; d. in childhood.

iii. BETHIA[3] RUSSELL, b. 19 December, 1707; d. probably young.

iv. JOHN[3] RUSSELL, b. 16 January, 1709/10; m. 6 January, 1732, Patience Tucker, daughter of Henry and Phebe (Barton) Tucker; b, 31 6th month, 1711; d. 3 10th month, 1778. John Russell lived at Mishaum Point, Dartmouth, where he built the old house which passed to his sons Benjamin and Elijah. His wife's father, Henry Tucker, left to his daughter, Patience Russell, in his will (proved 15 June, 1763) his silver tankard, marked H. T. P., and his clock. Tradition says that Patience was such a tiny baby that she was put into the tankard and the cover shut down over her. The clock is supposed to have been brought to Dartmouth by Patience's mother, Phebe Barton of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, at the time of her marriage to

Henry Tucker. The dial and works are still in existence and the latter running. Children:

1. *Job*[4] *Russell*, b. 4 March 1731, Dartmouth; d. 30 July, 1733.
2. *Benjamin*[4] *Russell*, b. 9 October, 1733.
3. *Elijah*[4] *Russell*, b. 8 11th mo., 1741/2 O. S.
4. *Henry*[4] *Russell*, b. ——.

v. DANIEL[3] RUSSELL, b. 15 December, 1711, Dartmouth; m. (1), September, 1740, Edith Howland, daughter of Nicholas and Hannah (Woodman) Howland, b. ——; d. 2 December, 1747; m. (2), 15 July, 1761, Mary Russell, daughter of James and Rebeckah (Howland) Russell, b. 29 April, 1718; d. ——; d. 1772. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Occupation, clothier. His will was proved 5 January, 1773. Children:

1. *Elihu*[4] *Russell*, b. 24 July, 1741.*
2. *Ruth*[4] *Russell*, b. 22 October, 1743.
3. *Giles*[4] *Russell*, b. 2 February, 1745; d. unmarried.
4. *Edith*[4] *Russell*, b. December, 1747, Dartmouth; d. 2 December, 1747.

vi. BENJAMIN[3] RUSSELL, b. 18 December, 1713; d. 10 March, 1729.

vii. ZERVIAH[3] RUSSELL, b. 24 July, 1715; m. (published 15 1st mo., 1736) 25 March, 1736, Nicholas Howland, son of Nicholas and Hannah (Woodman) Howland, b. 13 May, 1706; d. 1782; d. ——. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Nicholas Howland was a yeoman. He married (2) 9 December, 1762, widow Sarah (Cook) Devoll of Dartmouth. In his will, dated 7 6th mo., 1774 (proved 27 November, 1782), he made his son Timothy Executor and left to him his homestead farm and land thereto adjoining on the east side of the river — his grist mill river — and to his son Jonathan the land on the west side

* Married 31 March, 1763 Elizabeth daughter of John and Deborah (Almy) Slocum, b. 8 February, 1741/2. They moved to Oblong, New York, and thence to Dover, New York, where he established the first flour mill in the township, which was noted for its excellence.

of the river. He mentions also his daughters, Ruth Hathaway, Rebecca Briggs and Elizabeth Little. Children:

1. *Ruth*[4] *Howland*, b. 2, 2nd mo., 1737.
2. *Rebeckah*[4] *Howland*, b. 23, 8th mo., 1738.
3. *Timothy*[4] *Howland*, b. 14, 4th mo., 1743.
4. *Elizabeth*[4] *Howland*, b. 12, 7th mo., 1747.
5. *Jonathan*[4] *Howland*, b. 14, 3rd mo., 1751.

viii. JOANNA[3] RUSSELL, b. 18 March, 1718; d. 4 April, 1729.

ix. TIMOTHY[3] RUSSELL, b. 16 November, 1719, Dartmouth; m. (1), —— Phebe ——; m. (2), 29, 10th mo., 1742, Rhoda Potter, daughter of John and Phebe (Green) Potter, b. 8 Dec., 1718; d. ——; m. (3), 3 June, 1767, Hannah (Russell) Briggs, daughter of James and Rebeckah (Howland) Russell and widow of Walter Briggs, b. 16 July, 1726, Dartmouth, d. ——; Timothy d. 1787. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Occupation, yeoman. Timothy Russell's first marriage is to be found in the Leonard Papers only. It is said that his second wife, Rhoda Potter, was the handsomest woman in the meetinghouse while his third consort, Hannah, was very plain. In his will, dated 28 March, 1787, proved, May, 1787, he mentions his wife, Hannah; sons, William, Elihu, Stephen and Joseph; granddaughter, Mary, daughter of Joseph; his wife's daughter, Rebecca Briggs, and two daughters, Rebecca Aiken and Phebe Briggs. Children, born in Dartmouth:

1. *Phebe*[4] *Russell*, b. 25 July, 1744.
2. *Stephen*[4] *Russell*, b. 12 April, 1746.
3. *Rebeckah*[4] *Russell*, b. 7 March, 1748.
4. *Sarah*[4] *Russell*, b. 5 November, 1750.
5. *John*[4] *Russell*, b. 25 October, 1752.
6. *Oliver*[4] *Russell*, b. 5 September, 1754; d. 8 September, 1755.
7. *William*[4] *Russell*, b. ——
8. *Joseph*[4] *Russell*, b. ——
9. *Elihu*[4] *Russell*, b. ——

x. REBECKAH RUSSELL, b. 2 July, 1722; m. 21 December,

1738, Abraham Tucker, son of Henry and Phebe (Barton) Tucker, b. 16 December, 1718; d.——; d.—— Children:

1. *Patience*[4] *Tucker*, b. 19 October, 1739.
2. *Benjamin*[4] *Tucker*, b. 19 September, 1741.
3. *Rebecca*[4] *Tucker*, b. 11 November, 1743.
4. *Phebe*[4] *Tucker*, b. 1 December, 1745; d. in infancy.
5. *Henry*[4] *Tucker*, b. 2 March, 1754.

xi. PHEBE[3] RUSSELL, b. 23 August, 1724; m. 28 December, 1744, John Ricketson, son of Jonathan and Abigail (Howland) Ricketson,* b. 1720, d. 8 May, 1794; d. 3 November, 1770. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Occupation, yeoman. 19 9th mo. 1744: a committee of Friends was appointed by the meeting to persuade John Ricketson and Abigail Howland to desist, as they had set up a publishment of marriage out of order. They persisted in their evil course however and were disowned but 16 7th mo. 1753 they sent in a paper expressive of their contrition and were restored to membership. Phebe Ricketson was buried at Apponagansett. John Ricketson married (2), 4 April, 1774, widow Sarah (Wing) Morrill, daughter of John and Mary Wing of Sandwich, Massachusetts. He made her executrix of his will, dated 2 January, 1794. Children:

1. *Daniel*[4] *Ricketson*, b. 19 August, 1745.
2. *Abraham*[4] *Ricketson*, b. 28 February, 1747.
3. *Rebeckah*[4] *Ricketson*, b. 20 February, 1749.
4. *Zerviah*[4] *Ricketson*, b. 21 January, 1751.
5. *Phebe*[4] *Ricketson*, b. 5 November, 1753; d. August 1771; buried at Apponagansett.
6. *Abigail*[4] *Ricketson*, b. 16 December, 1755.
7. *Judith*[4] *Ricketson*, b. 15 April, 1758; d. 9 June, 1777; buried in Friends' graveyard at Apponagansett.
8. *Marlborough*[4] *Ricketson*, b. 6 September, 1760; d. aetat circa one year.
9. *Deborah*[4] *Ricketson*, b. 11 July, 1761.

* See Ricketson Genealogy, Vol. II.

10. *Timothy*[4] *Ricketson*, b. 30 August, 1764; d. 8 November, 1783 on board brig "Joseph and Judith," Cornelius Howland Master, in West Indies; unmarried.
11. *John*[4] *Ricketson, Jr.*, b. 5 September, 1767; d. 9 September 1786, at sea.

3

JOHN[2] RICKETSON, son of William and Elizabeth (Mott) Ricketson, born 11 February 1782/3, Portsmouth, Rhode Island; died 27 January, 1704/5.

WILL.

"This fourth day of January, 1704/5 I John Ricketson of Dartmouth in the County of Bristol in New England being weak in body but of sufficient memory and understanding for the settling of my outward estate, do make this my last Will and Testament, making voyde all other and former wills which hath been by me made both written and verball. First my mind and will is that after my decease, my body be decently buried. Secondly that all my just debts be paid by my executor hereafter named. Thirdly I give unto my three brothers William Ricketson Jonathan Ricketson and Timothy Ricketson all my lands both upland and meadow both divided and undivided or any that shall be or may be layed out or belong to that part of a share of land that was my father's with all rights and privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or to any other share or shares part or . . . . that did or might belong to my father William Ricketson, both Divided or undivided I do give to them to be equally divided between them.

ffourthly I give unto my father-in-law Mathew Wing my grist mill and I make and appoint my father in law Mathew Wing to to be my executor of this my last will and Testament."

John Ricketson died before the division of his father's estate in 1811.

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ELIZABETH[2] RICKETSON, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Mott) Ricketson, born 17 September, 1685, Dartmouth, Massachusetts; married 17 October, 1705, Daniell Wood, son of William and Martha (Earle) Wood, born ——, died 1758; died 11 February, 1731/2. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

"These preſents Testify and declare that I Daniell Wood, of Dartmouth in the County of Bristol In New England ha . . Received of my Father In Law Matthew Wing of s[d] Dartm . . . . the ſumm of eight pound money and twoo young Cattle in an Instruement of the Diviſsion of the Eſtate of William Ricketſon ſometime of Dartmouth aforeſaid Deceaſed and in full ſatiſfaction of my part and portion of ſaid eſt . . . . due to me Daniell Wood in Right of elizabeth my wife . . . . Received as abovesaid which together with the fifty acre Land mentioned in said Instruement of diviſsion is in full . . . . is due out of Said estate to mee and do further acquit and . . . . harge the said Matthew Wing his heirs executors & admin . . . . from any further payment or demands to be made by mee . . . . Refferring to the estate a bove ſaid

In witness whereof I ſett my hand & Seal in Dartmouth the tenth day of October [one thousand seven] hundred and seven

Signed ſealed delivrd Witn Daniell Wood"

(On the lower margin of the leaf which is torn away, appear to be the signatures of two witnesses)

John Ruſſell. John . . . .

In the margin is written Entered October 11 1721

Nath[l] Paine Probate *

Daniell Wood married (2), 13 March, 1737/8, Phebe Sherman. They had one son, Enos Wood, b. 27 April, 1739, and others.

Daniell Wood's will was probated 7 December, 1758. In it

* Bristol Probate, iii. 727.

he mentions his wife Phebe, his son William the executor, his daughter Elizabeth, wife of John Newport, his daughter Martha, wife of John Cook of Tiverton, the two eldest children of his deceased son Daniel, viz., John and Anna, his own two youngest children Daniell and Elizabeth, but he does not speak of Rebecca or Enos.

Children:

i. WILLIAM[3] WOOD, b. 20 May, 1706, m. (1) (published 16 August, 1728) 10 September, 1728, Hannah Howland, daughter of Nicholas and Anna (Woodman) Howland, b. 10 June, 1708, d. 25 7th mo. 1771; m. (2) 22 July, 1774, Alice (Shearman) Stafford, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Shearman and widow of Joseph Stafford of Tiverton, b. 15 September, 1719, d ——; d. 1786. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. William Wood was known as Captain Wood. It seems fair to infer that the Alice Stafford of Tiverton whom William Wood married was the widow of Joseph Stafford, "celebrated astrologer," whose death is noted in the *Newport Mercury* of 31 May, 1773, as having occurred the previous week. Captain Wood made his will 15 July, 1786; therein he mentions wife Alice, sons Josiah and Luthern, and grandchildren Collins, Henry, Rebecca, Hannah and Mary Smith, the children of his deceased daughter Cynthia. His wife is to have all the movables she brought with her at her marriage and he speaks of his "chime clock" and his "veneered clock." Children:

1. *Josiah*[4] *Wood*, b. 27 February, 1729.
2. *Luthan*[4] *Wood*, b. 16 January, 1736/7.
3. *Cynthia*[4] *Wood*, b. 9 July, 1742.

ii. ELIZABETH[3] WOOD, b. 26 January, 1708/9; m. (1), (published) 18 May, 1728, Joseph Smith, son of Eliezer and Ruth (Sprague) Smith, b. 26 October, 1696; d. ——; m. (2), 22 September, 1745, John Stevens, son of John and Mary Stevens, b. 27 February, 1702; d. 17 April, 1778, aetat 76 years; d. 18 February, 1791, aetat 82

years. We suppose the Joseph Smith whose birth is given in the Vital Records of Rhode Island to have been the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wood) Smith although the births of their other children are not given. Elizabeth was married to her second husband, John Stevens of Newport by the Rev. James Seering. John Stevens's birth is taken from "John Stevens' Book" now in the Newport Historical Society in Dr. Henry Turner's manuscript, and the dates of death of John Stevens himself, and his wife from their headstones in the graveyard. John Stevens's father, John, bought land in 1705, of Nathaniel Coddington, on Thames Street, and there established a stonecutting business which is still carried on (1906); John Stevens, Jr. calls himself a bricklayer however in his will; this instrument is dated 28 May, 1774, but it was not proved until eighteen years after his death, 17 June, 1786. He mentions his wife Elizabeth and his son John who are his executors and his daughter, Martha Biszell, and grandchildren, James, Job and Martha Biszell. We are not sure whether this John and Martha are the children of Elizabeth Wood or of another wife. Martha married 26 June, 1764 Job Bissell, son of Job Bissell, who was born 14 July, 1746. Children:

1. *Hannah*[4] *Smith*, b. 31 May, 1730.
2. *James*[4] *Smith*, b. 3 February, 1733.
3. *Joseph*[4] *Smith*, b. 11 August, 1738.

and possibly

4. *John*[4] *Stevens*, b. ——
5. *Martha*[4] *Stevens*, b. ——

iii. Martha[3] Wood, b. 13 April, 1712; m. 10 April, 1735, John Cook, son of Thomas and Mary Cook, b. (*circa*) 1707, North Tiverton, Rhode Island; d. ——; d. ——. Residence, in or near the family homestead at North Tiverton, Rhode Island.

The dates given by Albert Welles in his "American Family Antiquity" for the marriage of John Cook and the births of his two children, Pardon and Paul, are evidently apocryphal and we have therefore omitted them. The

Leonard Papers give the correct date of marriage and Elizabeth was evidently the first child. Children, first three born at Dartmouth, Massachusetts, others at Tiverton, Rhode Island:

1. *Elizabeth*[4] *Cook*, b. 5 February, 1756.
2. *Pardon*[4] *Cook*, b. ——
3. *Paul*[4] *Cook*, b. ——
4. *Rebecca*[4] *Cook*, b. ——
5. *Bathsheba*[4] *Cook*, b. ——
6. *Hannah*[4] *Cook*, b. ——
7. *Caleb*[4] *Cook*, b. ——
8. *Bennit*[4] *Cook*, b. ——

iv. Rebecca[3] Wood, b. 4 July, 1715; d. probably *sine prole* before 1757 as there is no mention of her in her father's will of that date.

v. Daniel[3] Wood, Jr., b. 27 March, 1720; m. 12 November, 1743/4, Mary Wady, daughter of Humphrey and Sarah (Wing) Wady, b. 10 August, 1726; d. ——; d. 1755. John Wood and his wife were married at Dartmouth. Her father, Humphrey Wady, emigrated from London, England, where he was born 20 12th mo., 1690. He settled in North Carolina whence he moved to Sandwich, Massachusetts. In his will, dated 21 June, 1759, he speaks of his grandchildren, John, Ann, Elizabeth and Daniel, but he does not speak of Lydia. Her name (although with no date) is found in the Record of the late Mr. William C. Pierce of New Bedford, and is also mentioned in the will of her father Daniel Wood as unmarried, but she probably died before the latter was proved in May, 1755, as her name is not given in the settlement of the estate. Daniel Wood's will speaks also of his daughter, Nancy (undoubtedly his second daughter, Ann), who married Henry Treadwell. Daniel Wood lived in Dartmouth. His widow married before July, 1763 — Treadwell. Children:

1. *John*[4] *Wood*, b. 13 April, 1750.
2. *Ann*[4] *Wood*, b. ——

3. *Elizabeth*[4] *Wood*, b. ——
4. *John*[4] *Wood*, b. ——
5. *Daniel*[4] *Wood*, b. ——
6. *Lydia*[4] *Wood*, b. ——; d. unmarried before May, 1755.

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WILLIAM[2] RICKETSON, son of William[1] and Elizabeth (Mott) Ricketson, born 20 February, 1685/6, Dartmouth; married 25 April, 1708, Meribah Slocum, daughter of Eliezer and Elephel (Fitzgerald) Slocum, born 28 February, 1689; died ——; died ——. Children born in Dartmouth:

i. JOHN,[3] b. 18 June, 1709; d. 21 June, 1709.
8 ii. MARY,[3] b. 10 March, 1713.
9 iii. ELIZABETH,[3] b. 17 March, 1715.
10 iv. WILLIAM,[3] JR., b. 19 May, 1717.
v. ELEPHEL,[3] b. 7 April, 1722; d. 23 October, 1727.
vi. CULBUD,[3] b. 4 September, 1724; d. 25 September, 1725.
11 vii. JOANNA,[3] b. 9 September, 1725.
11a viii. MERIBAH,[3] b. 5 May, 1729.

Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts, where the southern part of his father's estate had been assigned to him 18 September, 1711. He was a carpenter and yeoman.

"These are to certify to all People that William Ricketson of Dartmouth in the County of Bristol in New England and Meribah Slocum of the Same Towne having intentions of marriage did lay their intentions before the Monthly Meeting of Said Dartmouth who desired them to wait until next Monthly Meeting and there being meete persons appointed and chosen by the said Monthly Meeting to make enquiry between the meetings whether the Said William Ricketson was cleare from all other women relating to marriage and the said Meribah Slocum was cleare from all other men relating to marriage and now presenting themselves the second time, and nothing appearing to hinder their intentions and also being plighted according to law A

meeting was appointed on purpose at the Meeting house in Dartmouth where they take each other in the presence of us whose names hereunto are subscribed and others met together. These promising to live faithfully man and wife till Death separate in testimony of the Same they have set too their names this twenty-fifth day of the ninth month, 1708

Benjamin Church Justis of Peace	}	William Ricketson Meribah Ricketson
William Slade		John Lapham, Jr.
Judah Smith		James Burrill
Peleg Slocum		Stephen Willcock
Jacob Mott		Samuel Mott
John Lapham		John Tucker
William Wood		Martha Wing
Increase Allen		Elizabeth Wing
Abraham Tucker		Rebeckah Russell
Benjamin Howland		John Russell
Hanna Gould		Jonathan Ricketson
Mary Lapham		Mary Slocum
Eleazer Slocum		Judith Howland
Hannah Tucker		Ruth Tucker

The musty records of the early Friends give little scope for much play of fancy but a faint breath of romance and mystery still lingers around the memory of Elephel Fitzgerald, the mother of Meribah (Slocum) Ricketson.

One story goes that she was one of the young women of gentle birth who were forcibly brought to America and sold as wives to the settlers, but we prefer to follow the legend to which Mr. Henry Howland Crapo gives preference in his interesting article on the Slocum house at Barney's Joy. Both traditions agree that she was of gentle blood, a daughter of The Fitzgerald Earl of Kildare of the race of the Geraldines, descendants of the early Irish Kings. Her sister, whose name alas! we have not, eloped with an English officer, of course against her father's will, and brought Elephel with her to America, but the links are missing whereby we might learn why she and her sister were parted, and Elephel became an inmate, probably a serving maid,

in the house of Giles Slocum of Portsmouth. Once there however, it was of course the natural sequence, that her master's youngest son, Eliezer, not yet twenty, should fall in love with her, and equally of course that his stern Quaker parents should not look with favor on his love-affair with the young Irish maiden. It is said that Elephel was incontinently locked up in the smoke house, and that Eliezer climbed down the chimney thereof and released his sweetheart. At any rate, they were happily married and their lives were passed in the house at Barney's Joy which Eliezer built about 1700. The annals of Slocum's Neck cherish still the tale of the gorgeous lady with her coach and four, Elephel's sister, making her slow way through the sandy roads of Dartmouth to visit her humble Quaker sister. Apparently Elephel adapted herself well to the rude conditions of the New England life of the day and made a faithful helpmate, for Eliezer Slocum speaks of her in his will as his "beloved wife."

Dartmouth 19 6th mo. 1734 Friends Monthly Meeting And William Ricketson was at this meeting and the meeting having agitated the matter with him concerning his Son's wearing a periwig and the disorderly marriage of his Daughter, he desires some farther time to consider of it, and so it is referred to the next meeting.

16 7th mo. 1734 William Ricketson appeared at the meeting and hath made the meeting satisfaction as to his daughter's disorderly marriage and as for his son's wearing a periwig he doth signify that he will do his Endeavour to persuade him to desist.

The daughter above referred to must have been Elizabeth who committed the terrible offence of being published by the Town Clerk Jabez Barber to Henry Tucker 8 September 1733

15 1st mo 1742 Committee appointed by the Dartmouth Meeting to talk with William Ricketson for having entertained certain erroneous beliefs contrary to their principles.

19 5th mo. 1742 A condemnation of William Ricketson was

read, and he was disowned after the said condemnation had been previously read. He announced that he believed Adam was in a better state after he had transgressed against the command of God than before. 2nd that from Adam to the coming of Christ in the flesh the wickedness of man brought as much honour to God as the Righteous, these with many more such like notions he "doth stand to testify."

William Ricketson's father-in-law, Eliezer Slocum made him executor of his will, dated 1746. He left a bed to his daughter Meribah, to William himself a horse and Six spoons and after several other bequests the residue of his estate to his daughter Meribah.

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JONATHAN[2] RICKETSON, son of William[1] and Elizabeth (Mott) Ricketson, born 7 April, 1788; married, 1710, Abigail Howland, daughter of Benjamin and Judith (Sampson) Howland, born 3 November, 1686, died 15 January, 1769, Dartmouth; died 16 October, 1768, Dartmouth.

Children *:

i. TIMOTHY,[3] b. 18 February, 1710/1.
ii. MARY,[3] b. 28 October, 1712.
iii. REBEKAH,[3] b. 6 February, 1714/5.
iv. BENJAMIN,[3] b. 3 March, 1716/7.
v. ABIGAIL,[3] b. 5 April, 1719.
vi. JOHN,[3] b. 1720.
vii. JONATHAN,[3] b. 3rd mo. 1725/6.
viii. ABNER,[3] b. ——.
ix. ELIZABETH,[3] b. ——.
x. JUDITH,[3] b. ——; d. aetat 14 years.

The following entries concerning Jonathan Ricketson are to be found in the Records of the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting:

15 9th mo. 1708 And the two Friends that were appointed

* For further details of this family, see Ricketson Genealogy, Vol. II.

at the preparation meeting, for to Enquire of Jonathan Ricketson concerning his laying the Intention of his marriage before the meeting. And they having spoken with him, do make report to the meeting that he saith he doth not intend to lay Intention of marriage before the Monthly Meeting, but Saith he thinks it no sin to be married otherwise.

17 5th mo. 1710 Jonathan Ricketson and Abigail Howland were condemned by the Meeting.

19 8th mo. 1724 The following paper was read and approved by the Meeting.

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held on the 16th day of ye 9th month 1724 in Dartmouth

Whereas we in 1710 proceeded in marriage contrary to the good order of Friends whereof we do condemn our outgoings and count ourselves Justly Denied and we do Desire that God would forgive us and that friends would paſs it by So that we may be in unity with them again.

Jonathan Ricketſon
Abigail Ricketſon

This humble petition was granted and the erring pair were restored to the membership of the Meeting.

Jonathan Ricketson was a yeoman and cordwainer. He lived in the family homestead on the farm at Dartmouth (now Westport), Massachusetts, the house which had been built by his father William Ricketson. 9 April 1756 he sold part of the land to his son Abner but the deed of sale was not signed until 12 October 1763 when it was signed by Jonathan and "Alys," evidently an error.

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Tymothy[2] Ricketson, son of William[1] and Elizabeth (Mott) Ricketson, born 2 January, 1689/90, Dartmouth; died circa 1711, at sea.

William Ricketson carpenter, Jonathan Ricketson cordwainer, John Rufsell blacksmith and Rebeckah his wife, all of the town of Dartmouth Etc. . . . . Whereas Tymothy Ricketson late of said town of Dartmouth singleman, Naturall Brother to the said William Ricketson Jonathan Ricketson and Rebeckah Rufsell having for some time taken a voyage to sea and not been heard from for more than two years past, it is Supposed that through stress of weather he was cast away and was drownded and that he died intestate having left considerable estate of right belonging to him at the time of his death, part of which does of right belong to (pursuant to Law) them, said William Ricketson Jonathan Ricketson and Rebeckah Rufsell as being brethren and sister of the deceased aforesaid and the said John Rufsell as husband and marrying with Said Rebeckah do sell to their father in law Matthew Wing, yeoman, for £315 all our respective right interest and title that we now have in the estate of Tymothy Ricketson our said brother, both real and personal

Signed

William Ricketson
Jonathan Ricketson
John Rufsell
Rebeckah Rufsell

In the presence of
Philip Allen
John Tripp

Acknowledged before Benjamin Church, Justice of the Peace, 20 September, 1716

Recorded by Samuel Howland, Register, 10 October, 1721

18 September 1711 the north part of his father's estate was allotted to Tymothy Ricketson and later other portions were set off to him.

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MARY[3] RICKETSON, daughter of William[2] (*William*[1]) and Meribah (Slocum) Ricketson, born 20 February, 1713, Dartmouth;

married 10 July, 1731, Stephen Wilcox, son of Daniel and Sarah Wilcox of Dartmouth, born 2 May, 1707, died 1778; died ——.

Stephen Wilcox was a tailor. He lived on Westport River in Dartmouth (now Westport), Massachusetts. In his will, proved 6 October, 1778, he mentions wife Mary, sons Culbert, Daniel, Abner and David, and daughters Hannah, Catherine Cornell and Mary Pecom (*sic*).

Children:

i. Culbut[3] Wilcox, Son of Stephen and Mary (Ricketson) Wilcox, b. 13 April, 1732; m. 8 January, 1754, Ruth White, daughter of George and Deborah (Shaw) White of Dartmouth, b. 19 May, 1736, Dartmouth; d. ——; d. —— at Tiverton, Rhode Island. Culbut Wilcox lived at Tiverton, Rhode Island. He was a ship-carpenter, and when his son William and grandson Hiram settled at Palmyra, New York, he is supposed to have accompanied them, but he returned to Tiverton and died there. We can find no record of his death nor of any Probate proceedings connected with his estate. These facts have been collected from widely scattered descendants of Culbut's children, William and Lillis, who have never heard of any other children than their own progenitors. The Tiverton Records give the marriage in 1774 of Culbut's daughter, Sarah, to John Stafford, son of David Stafford, and from Mr. George H. Richardson we learn of Culbut's son, Abner, who was his ancestor. The census of the inhabitants of the Colony of Rhode Island in 1774 gives the family of "Culbud" Wilcox as follows: 2 males above 16 years; 3 males under 16; 3 females above 16; 3 females under 16; 1 black; total 12. Children:

1. *Sarah*[4] *Wilcox*, b. ——.
2. *Lillis*[4] *Wilcox*, b. ——.
3. *Abner*[4] *Wilcox*, b. ——.
4. *William*[4] *Wilcox*, b. 24 April, 1774, Tiverton.

and possibly others.

ii. Daniel[3] Wilcox, b. 26 April, 1734; m. (intention, 2 Octo-

ber) 5 December, 1754, Silve Russell, daughter of James and Mary (Howland) Russell, b. 20 June, 1731; d. ——; d. ——. James Russell, in his will dated 1751, mentions his daughter, Sylvia, at that time, of course, she was not married. Her father lived until 1764. Children:

1. *Deborah*[4] *Wilcox*, b. 1755.
2. *Stephen*[4] *Wilcox*, b. 20 September, 1757.

iii. Samuel[3] Wilcox, b. 6 December, 1736; m. 28 February, 1760, Elizabeth Goddard, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Tripp) Goddard; b. 1737; d. 7 March, 1820, aetat 83 years; d. ——. Children:

1. *Mary*[4] *Wilcox*, b. 4 April, 1762.
2. *Stephen*[4] *Wilcox*, b. 21 July, 1763; d. 31 October, 1763.
3. *Daniel*[4] *Wilcox*, b. 10 September, 1764.
4. *Elizabeth*[4] *Wilcox*, b. 28 July, 1767.
5. *Lydia*[4] *Wilcox*, 22 June, 1769; d. 7 September, 1770.
6. *Lydia*[4] *Wilcox, 2nd*, b. 18 September, 1773.
7. *Stephen*[4] *Wilcox, 2nd*, b. 18 July, 1775; d. 12 August, 1775.
8. *Stephen*[4] *Wilcox, 3rd*, b. ——.

iv. Jireh[3] Wilcox, b. 18 October, 1737; m. (intention, 10 September) 17 October, 1760, Deborah Russell, daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Allen) Russell; b. 3 October, 1740; d. ——; d. ——. The Christian name of Jireh Wilcox is given as "Tila" in the Tiverton Vital Records. Children:

1. *Gilburd*[4] *Wilcox* b. 4 July, 1762.
2. *Silvia*[4] *Wilcox*, b. 22 April, 1765.
3. *Susanna*[4] *Wilcox*, b. 22 May, 1769.
4. *Mary*[4] *Wilcox*, b. 16 February, 1772.

v. Hannah[3] Wilcox, b. 14 April, 1740; d. 1778, unmarried.

vi. Catherine[3] Wilcox, b. September, 1744; m. (intention, 14 February) 28 March, 1765, Thomas Cornell, son of Peleg and Mary (Russell) Cornell; b. 18 October, 1742; d. (*circa*) 1804; d. ——. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. In his will, dated 10 November, 1804, Thomas Cornell mentions his daughters, Meribah Cornell, Lydia

Howland, Mary, wife of William Case, and his son Stephen; Luthern is not given in the Cornell Genealogy. Children:

1. *Lydia*[4] *Cornell*, b. 14 February, 1766.
2. *Meribah*[4] *Cornell*, b. 27 September, 1769.
3. *Stephen*[4] *Cornell*, b. 5 February, 1774.
4. *Mary*[4] *Cornell*, b. 4 September, 1776.
5. *Luthern*[4] *Cornell*, b. 24 April, 1778; d. probably *sine prole* before 1804.

vii. Stephen[3] Wilcox, b. 18 May, 1747; m. (intention, 6 December, 1781) February, 1782, Ruth Allen of Dartmouth; b. ——; d. ——; d. 1809. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts, We have been able to find nothing further about Stephen Wilcox.

viii. Daniel[3] Wilcox, b. 3 April, 1749; m. 18 May, 1769, Sarah Howland, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Wing) Howland; b. 2 February, 1746; d. 16 August, 1805; d. ——. If Daniel Wilcox had children we have never obtained any trace of them.

ix. William[3] Wilcox, b. 6 January, 1752; unmentioned in his father's will.

x. Mary[3] Wilcox, b. 6 January, 1754; m. 20 May, 1772, Stephen Peckham, Jr., son of Stephen and Sarah (Bass) Peckham; b. 6 April, 1748; d. 9 January, 1522; d. 15 September, 1799. Stephen Peckham, Jr., settled at Scituate, Massachusetts. He married (2) Zerviah (Potter) Miller, daughter of Ezra Potter and widow of John Miller, b. 5 February, 1757, and died 7 November, 1845. Children:

1. *William*[4] *Peckham*, b. 11 November, 1773.
2. *Stephen*[4] *Peckham*, b. 21 April, 1777; d. 14 November, 1796.
3. *George*[4] *Peckham*, b. 26 April, 1785.
4. *Abner*[4] *Peckham*, b. 29 October, 1789.

xi. Abner[3] Wilcox, b. ——; m. (intention, 3 April) 14 May, 1762, Content Howland, daughter of James and Content (Wing) Howland; b. 14 April, 1744; d. 31 October, 1794; m. (2), 17 December, 1796, Levina Brownell; d.

1816. Abner's birth is not given in the Records but he is mentioned in his father's will. Residence, Dartmouth (now Westport). Occupation, Yeoman. His will is dated 16 November, 1815; proved, 7 May, 1816. His son, Abner, m. 9 February, 1812, Elizabeth, daughter of Peleg Chase; his son, William, m. 24 May, 1798, Abigail, daughter of Isaac Lawrence. Children:

1. *Abner*[4] *Wilcox*, b. ——.
2. *Stephen*[4] *Wilcox*, b. ——.
3. *Betsey*[4] *Wilcox*, b. ——.
4. *Henry*[4] *Wilcox*, b. ——.
5. *William*[4] *Wilcox*, b. ——.

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Elizabeth[3] Ricketson, daughter of William[2] (William[1]) and Meribah (Slocum) Ricketson born 10 March, 1715; married (intention 8 September, 1733) 18 October, 1733, O. S., Henry Tucker, Jr., son of Henry and Phebe (Barton) Tucker, born 8 February, 1713, died 1794; died ——.

Henry Tucker was a yeoman and inherited from his father one-half of the Tucker Farm at North Dartmouth, situated on the Tucker Road; the latter derives its name from having been cut through the Tucker estate. As we know, William Ricketson was called to account by the Friends for his daughter Elizabeth's disorderly marriage to Henry, and Henry Tucker himself was disowned from Meeting on account of the vanity displayed in his personal attire. He was nicknamed "Double Row Henry" from the double row of buttons which he wore on his coat. For a number of years before his death he was blind. In his will, dated 9 March, 1784, proved 6 May, 1794, he mentions his wife Elizabeth, his daughters, his grandson Holder (whereby we infer that Holder's father William had previously died) and speaks of "lands in the town of Newport, Kingston County, Province of Nova Scotia." His children were not members of the Friends

Society owing no doubt to their father's dismissal from the Meeting.

Children:

i. WILLIAM[4] TUCKER, b. 12 January 1734/5, m. (published 16 and 3 November, 1754,) 18 January, 1755, Mary Slocum, daughter of Holder and Rebeckah (Almy) Slocum, b. 20 August, 1736, d. ——; d. (probably before 1784). The publishment of the banns between William Tucker and Mary Slocum was forbidden by her parents. We copy the remonstrance entered the following year. "Dartmouth ye 4th of the 4th mo. 1735 Whereas William Tucker has got published to our daughter Mary Slocum, we the subscribers do forbid the banes (*sic*) of marriage between ye said William Tucker and our daughter Mary Slocum and Likewise forbid the Town Clerk of giving them a certificate till the controversy be determined by law the above-mentioned banes of marriage forbidden by Holder Slocum and Rebeckah Slocum.

Holder Slocum
Rebeckah Slocum

Was entered with me ye 4th day of April 1755 Attested Benjamin Akin Town Clerk" At that date however the couple were already married. We can find no Probate proceedings anent William Tucker. His widow married (2) Henry Wilder. Children:

1. *Holder*[5] *Tucker*, b. ——.
2. *Contents*[5] *Tucker*, b. ——.
3. *Catherine*[5] *Tucker*, b. ——.

ii. PHEBE[4] TUCKER, b. 8 November, 1736, Dartmouth, m. (intention 2 December, 1757) at Dartmouth, Abednego* Ricketson, son of Timothy and Bathsheba (Wilbur) Ricketson, b. 2 September, 1733, Dartmouth, d. 23 December, 1797, Annapolis, Nova Scotia; d. 31 July, 1795, Annapolis. Abednego Ricketson's line of descent is

* For other descendants of Abednego Ricketson, see Ricketson Genealogy, Vol. II.

Timothy,[3] Jonathan,[2] William,[1]. He was therefore his wife's second cousin. He lived for some years at Dartmouth where his three eldest children were born, but about 1762 he must have gone to North Carolina, where his brothers Marmaduke and Timothy had preceded him, for the tradition which has been handed down in the family of his daughter Nancy (Mrs. Marshall) is that he came to Annapolis from North Carolina. He must have settled in Nova Scotia before 1770 as he is mentioned in the census returns of that year. His father-in-law Henry Tucker owned land in Nova Scotia so it is possible that Abednego was thereby induced to try his fortunes there, although in a different part of the country. He bought a farm between Bridgetown and Belleisle which is still known as the "Ricketson Property" but it has long since passed into other hands. Abednego Ricketson was a Methodist preacher as well as a farmer; he was a man of some education and intelligence and appears to have held a leading place among his fellow-settlers. Children, first four born in Dartmouth, others in Bridgetown:

1. *Bathsheba*[5] *Ricketson*, b. 2 July, 1758.
2. *Henry*[5] *Ricketson*, b. 30 July, 1760.
3. *Elizabeth*[5] *Ricketson*, b. 19 October, 1762.
4. *Phœbe*[5] *Ricketson*, b. 2 February, 1765.
5. *Jordan*[5] *Ricketson*, b. 20 October, 1767.
6. } *Catherine*[5] *Ricketson*, b. 4 April, 1770.
7. } *Patience*[5] *Ricketson* (twin).
8. *Frederick*[5] *Ricketson*, b. 1 August, 1772.
9. *Mary*[5] *Ricketson*, b. 11 February, 1775.
10. *Nancy*[5] *Ricketson*, b. 1777.

iii. Elephel[4] Tucker, b. 28 February, 1739, m. (intention) 29 April, 1758, Ebenezer Allen, son of Ebenezer and Margaret (Williams) Allen, b. ——, d. 1814; d. ——. Ebenezer Allen was a yeoman; he inherited the north-east part of his father's farm at Dartmouth including the house (now Westport). In his will, dated 14 November, 1801, proved 7 June, 1814, he left the "east part of his

house etc." to his wife Ellifel. He is buried in the orchard behind the house. Children:

1. *Margaret*[5] *Allen*, b. ——.
2. *William*[5] *Allen*, b. ——.
3. *Mehitable*[5] *Allen*, b. 4 December, 1763.
4. *Elizabeth*[5] *Allen*, b. ——.
5. *Phebe*[5] *Allen*, b. ——.
6. *Meribah*[5] *Allen*, b. ——.
7. *Abigail*[5] *Allen*, b. ——.
8. *Ebenezer*[5] *Allen, Jr.*, b. 17 8th mo., 1776.
9. *Abigail*[5] *Allen*, b. ——.
10. *George*[5] *Allen*, b. 24 June, 1781.

iv. SUSANNA[4] TUCKER, b. 4 January, 1741; m. William Church. Every effort has been vain to learn more of Susanna.

v. MERIBAH[4] TUCKER, b. 24 March, 1745; m. 13 June, 1767, William Wilcox, son of William and Mary Wilcox, b. 23 May, 1741; d. ——; d. ——. Leonard papers give date of marriage as 27 May, 1767; this undoubtedly refers to the publishment. Children:

1. *Sarah*[5] *Wilcox*, b. 26 July, 1767.
2. *Susanna*[5] *Wilcox*, b. 15 September, 1773.
3. *Eliphel*[5] *Wilcox*, b. 13 May, 1776.
4. *Robert*[5] *Wilcox*, b. 14 February, 1778.
5. *Abigail*[5] *Wilcox*, b. 12 May, 1780.
6. *Jeffrey*[5] *Wilcox*, b. 28 December, 1786.

vi. PATIENCE[4] TUCKER, b. 18 September, 1746; m. (intention, 22 March) 19 April, 1770, Benjamin Wilcox, son of William and Mary Wilcox, b. 24 September, 1747; d. 1816; d. ——. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Benjamin Wilcox was a farmer. His wife's name is given as Phoebe in the copy of the Dartmouth Records of the Marriage Intentions. Children:

1. *Jeremiah*[5] *Wilcox*, b. 6 September, 1770.
2. *Phebe*[5] *Wilcox*, b. 27 November, 1771.
3. *Willard*[5] *Wilcox*, b. 23 February, 1773.
4. *Patience*[5] *Wilcox*, b. 21 June, 1776.
5. *Benjamin*[5] *Wilcox*, b. 26 February, 1785.

vii. ELIZABETH[4] TUCKER, b. 18 August, 1749; m. —— Gideon Cornell, son of Caleb and Dele (Gifford) Cornell, b. 5 February, 1746; d. 21 June, 1825, at Foster, Rhode Island; d. 12 November, 1809. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Gideon Cornell's death is noted in *New Bedford Mercury*. Children:

1. *Godfrey*[5] *Cornell*, b. 5 November, 1771.
2. *Cory*[5] *Cornell*, b. 18 May, 1773.
3. *Pardon*[5] *Cornell*, b. 17 September, 1774.
4. *Jerathmel*[5] *Cornell*, b. ——.
5. *Else*[5] *Cornell*, b. ——.

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WILLIAM[3] RICKETSON, JR., son of William[2] (*William*[1]) and Meribah (Slocum) Ricketson, born 9 May, 1717, Dartmouth; married (1), 19 October, 1738, Hannah Russell, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Howland) Russell, born 31 October, 1721; died ——; married (2), 30 July, 1766, Elizabeth Smith, daughter of George * and Elizabeth (Allen) Smith, born 22 May, 1729; died ——; died 15 January, 1796. Children:

12 i. JOHN,[4] b. 16 January, 1739/40.
13 ii. SILVIA,[4] b. 5 December, 1742.
iii. WILLIAM,[4] b. 11 May, 1747; d. probably *sine prole* before 3 March, 1791, as he is not mentioned in his father's will made at that date; he was living, however, 3 April, 1767, where his grandfather, Benjamin Allen, speaks of him in his will.
14 iv. HANNAH,[4] b. 8 February, 1749/50.
15 v. BENJAMIN,[4] b. 22 October, 1752.
16 vi. MERIBAH,[4] b. 10 January, 1755.
17 vii. RHODA,[4] b. 25 November, 1758.
viii. ASA,[4] b. 13 April, 1763; d. also probably *sine prole* before

* George Smith, b. 27 August, 1701; m. 1.31.1726, Elizabeth Allen, and d. 7.17.1769.

1791, as, like his brother, he is not mentioned in his father's will, although his grandfather, Benjamin Allen, speaks of him in his will of 3 April, 1767.

18 ix. ELIZABETH,[4] b. 4 January, 1768.

19 x. CATHERINE,[4] b. 29 July, 1770.

William Ricketson was a yeoman. He lived in Dartmouth where the Stephen Anthony house now stands; in fact part of the frame work of the Ricketson house was used for the present Anthony building. His great-granddaughter, Mary Wood Ricketson (Mrs. Thomas) remembered being told that when the British soldiers invaded Dartmouth, they took the dolls' clothes of William Ricketson's little daughters, Hannah and Rhoda, and strewed them along the road to the point which is now the corner of Chestnut and Walnut Streets.

17 4th month, 1758, William Ricketson with others gave money for Military service.

He made his son, Benjamin, Executor to his will which was proved 4 May, 1796. His estate, according to Inventory, was valued at $2738.76.

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JOANNA[3] RICKETSON, daughter of William[2] (*William*[1]) and Meribah (Slocum) Ricketson, born 9 September, 1725; married (1), (intention, 13 November) 29 November, 1741, William Howland, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Northup) Howland, born 20 March, 1720; died before 1746; married (2), 15 October, 1746, Nathaniel Howland, son of John and Mary (Cook) Howland, born 7 March, 1726; died before 1801; died before 1768. The Dartmouth Town Records give the year of Nathaniel Howland's birth as 1725. Joanna Howland and her second husband moved from Dartmouth to Quaker Hill, Dutchess County, New York, and settled near Nathaniel's brothers, Peleg and Isaac Howland. We can find scarcely any mention of the family in

the Friends' Records or the Dutchess County Probate Office and Registry of Deeds.*

Children:

i. WILLIAM[4] HOWLAND, b. 30 January, 1744; m. 26 May, 1763, Hope Almy, daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Sisson) Almy of Dartmouth, b. 14 December, 1748, "in the evening about candlelight," d. ——; d. ——. Child:

1. *Johannah*[5] *Howland*, b. 2 January, 1765, Dartmouth.

ii. MERIBAH[4] HOWLAND, b. 10. 9. 1747; m. (intention 6 April) 25 April, 1776, Joseph Severance. The name of Meribah Howland and her husband are greatly confused in the Howland and Slocum Genealogies and every effort to learn what became of them has been fruitless.

iii. MARY[4] HOWLAND, b. 3. 11. 1749; m. (intention 15 1st mo.) 25 2nd mo., 1767, Benjamin Ferris, Jr., son of Benjamin and Phebe (Beecher) Ferris, b. 25 9th mo., 1738, O. S., d. ——; d. ——. The Slocum Genealogy and Oblong Records vary as to the date of Mary Howland's birth. She and her husband lived at Quaker Hill, Dutchess County, New York, on part of the farm owned in 1902 by E. L. Post. Benjamin Ferris was a farmer; he gave to the Society of Friends the old graveyard north of the meeting house. He and his wife and children are there buried, their graves unmarked by any stone as was the custom of the Friends until recently. The grave of his son Peleg has a head stone. Children:

1. *Walter*[5] *Ferris*, b. 1 January, 1768.
2. *Lillias*[5] *Ferris*, b. 25 September, 1769.
3. *Wayman*[5] *Ferris*, b. 25 September, 1771.
4. *Edwin*[5] *Ferris*, b. 20 February, 1778.

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* Nathaniel Howland m. (2) Sarah ——, b. 2 mo. 25 day, 1740, O. S. Their children were Deborah, b. 5 mo. 13 day, 1768; Deidamia, b. 12 mo. 8 day, 1769; Sarah, b. 7 mo. 11 day, 1772; Ruth b. 3 mo. 26 day, 1774; Roby b. 11 mo. 9 day, 1775; Elizabeth, b. 9 mo. 15 day, 1777; Eunice, b. 7 mo. 27 day, 1781. (Copy of Family Bible record of Nathaniel Howland, from Haviland Genealogy.)

The Howland and Slocum Genealogies differ as to dates; we have given precedence to the Howland Genealogy.

5. *Peleg*[5] *Ferris*, b. 21 January, 1781.
6. *Edgar*[5] *Ferris*, b. 26 May, 1784.
7. *Phebe*[5] *Ferris*, b. 28 January, 1788.

iv. PELEG[4] HOWLAND, b. 14 February, 1752; m. intention 17 3rd mo., 1774, Elizabeth Aiken, daughter of Jonathan and Lillias (Ferris) Aiken, b. 3 April, 1758, d. 27 February, 1818, Greenbush, New York; d. 10 May, 1814. Peleg Howland moved to Dutchess County, New York, with his parents in 1760 and lived at Pawling. In his will, dated 16 September, 1805, he leaves to his wife all his farm which he bought from Nathaniel Howland. His will was proved in 1814, day and month not given. He is buried on the Martin Leach Farm at Pawling. His widow died while visiting her brother William Aiken and is buried at Greenbush, New York. Several of Peleg Howland's children emigrated to Canada, among them the family of his son Jonathan, whose son William Pearce Howland became Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario and was knighted. Children:

1. *Joanna*[5] *Howland*, b. ——.
2. *Jonathan*[5] *Howland*, b. 14 July, 1781.
3. *Nathaniel*[5] *Howland*, b. 2 August, 1782.
4. *George*[5] *Howland*, b. ——.
5. *Elizabeth*[5] *Howland*, b. ——.

v. NATHANIEL[4] HOWLAND, born 2 August, 1756; m. —— Margaret Aiken, daughter of Josiah and Judith (Huddleston) Aiken, b. 4 9th mo., 1760, d. 24 September, 1840; d. 2 January 1840. Nathaniel Howland lived at Franklin and Fredericksburgh, Dutchess County, New York, and later at Patterson, Putnam County, New York. He was a farmer. He and his wife are buried in the Four Corners Burying Ground at Patterson. Children:

1. *William*[5] *Howland*, b. 15 March, 1778.
2. *David*[5] *Howland*, b. ——, 1785.
3. *Laura*[5] *Howland*, b. 26 August, 1800.

vi. DEBORAH[4] HOWLAND, b. ——; m. —— Noxon. All search for further facts in the Quaker and Probate

Records of Dutchess County have been fruitless in regard to Deborah (Howland) Noxon. There is a Noxon family in Dutchess County but so far as can be learned no member of it married Deborah Howland.

vii. SARAH[4] HOWLAND, b. ——; d. 18 January, 1846, unmarried. Neither have we been able to obtain any clue as to what became of Sarah Howland.

viii. TABBY[4] HOWLAND, b. ——. Of whom no more is known.

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MERIBAH[3] RICKETSON, daughter of William[2] (*William*[1]) and Meribah (Slocum) Ricketson, born 5 May, 1729, Dartmouth; married 7 August, 1748, Walter Easton, son of Peter and Content (Slocum) Easton, born 20 January, 1723, died 20 February, 1802, Easton's Point; died 19 July, 1812, Newport, Rhode Island.

Walter Easton was the great-great-great-grandson of Governor Nicholas Easton. His father, Peter Easton, left him his farm at Easton's Point, Middletown, Rhode Island, and it must have come into his possession about 1747, when Peter Easton's will was proved. The bequest caused dissension in the family which lasted for many years, for the farm was a very valuable one, and the other heirs considered the division of the property unfair. Walter Easton was also his father's executor. He was a merchant and farmer and in December, 1781, the estimate of damages sustained by him from the depredations of the British troops at Middletown was £1,656 10*s*. He was a member of the Friends Meeting, although he differed from them at one time as to slave-holding. 28 6th mo. 1796 he sent in a paper however to the Meeting at Newport, in which he expressed repentance at having disagreed with them and as he had freed his last slave, hoped to be reunited to them.

In his will, dated 10 June, 1799, proved 1 March, 1802, he left his property to his wife, his four sons, William, Walter, Peter

and Job, and his two daughters, Content Warner and Catherine Easton, as well as to his daughter Elizabeth Slocum.

The homestead farm was sold 23 July, 1803, by his widow and children.

Walter Easton was buried in the Upper Burial Ground of the Friends Meadow Field at Newport. His death and that of his widow are noted in the *Providence Gazette*.

27 9th mo. 1804, Meribah Easton received a certificate to the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, and a return certificate 17 7th mo. 1809.

Children:

i. Content[4] Easton, b. 7 April, 1750; m. (1), 7 June, 1770, John Wanton, b. ——; d. ——; m. (2), 24 May, 1778, John Warner, b. ——; d. ——; d. 12 May, 1825, Newport. Content Easton's first marriage ceremony was performed by the Reverend Gardner Thurston, a Baptist minister who officiated at Trinity Church, Newport, during an interregnum when the Church was without a rector and the Baptist Church was occupied by British troops. Her second marriage is to be found among the Trinity Church marriages. John Wanton was a resident of Newport, Rhode Island; further than that we can learn nothing of him nor of her second husband, John Warner. 27 8th mo., 1771, she was condemned by the Friends' Meeting for marrying out of the Society but was forgiven, 29 10th mo., 1771, on showing proper contrition for her fault. She was again disowned for her second marriage and again reinstated, 28 8 mo., 1778, on sending in a paper expressive of repentance. The terms of her father's will made in 1799 show that she lived with him as he left her an especial legacy for her care of him. In 1817 her brother, Dr. Peter Easton of Nantucket, left her $50.00. The administration on her estate shows her to have been childless. Her funeral sermon was preached by Abigail Robinson. Her death is mentioned in the *Providence Gazette*.

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ii. WILLIAM[4] EASTON, b. 29 9th mo., 1751; m. 21 October, 1792, Elizabeth Oldfield, daughter of Captain John and Anna (Clarke) Oldfield, b. ——; d. 1802, Newport; d. ——. William Easton lived in Newport, Rhode Island, at the time of his wife's death in 1802, which is reported in the *Providence Gazette* of 6 March, 1802. 29 7th mo., 1824, he received a removal certificate from the Newport Friends Meeting to Rockland Factory, within the limits of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, New York. Mr. John Cox, Jr., who has studied the Meeting Records throughout New York extensively, has never heard of this meeting. We cannot learn whether William Easton had children nor the date of his death.

iii. CATHERINE[4] EASTON, b. 24 May, 1754; m. December, 1802, Eleazer Treavett, son of Captain Eleazer and Mary (Church) Treavett, b. 5 May, 1745; d. ——; d. 1816. 29 4th mo., 1796, Catherine Easton presented a paper to the Newport Meeting desiring to be restored to membership. A note in the Record adds that she was disowned 12th mo., 1802, for marrying out of meeting. Mr. Treavett was a school teacher and William L. Marcy, afterward Governor of New York, was an usher in his school for several years. Residence, Newport, Rhode Island. No children.

iv. ELIZABETH[4] EASTON, b. 22 July, 1756, Newport; m. (intention, 4 December) 18 December, 1779, Paul Slocum, son of Benjamin and Phebe (Wing) Slocum, b. 27 December, 1754, Dartmouth; d. 1824, at Pembroke, New York; d. 1824, Pembroke. About 1784 Paul Slocum and his family moved from Dartmouth, Massachusetts, to New York, and lived for sixteen years or more in Hartford Township, Washington County, and for several years in Saratoga and Cayuga Counties. They settled finally in Pembroke Township, Genesee County. Paul Slocum was a clothier, real estate dealer, Judge and Sheriff of Cayuga County. Administration was taken out on his estate 25 September, 1824. His fourth child was undoubtedly named Stephen Mazÿck for the husband of his sister, Ann, and we thus

give it, although the Slocum Genealogy calls him Stephen Myrick. Children:

1. *Phebe*[5] *Slocum*, b. 8 September, 1780.
2. *William Easton*[5] *Slocum*, b. 19 April, 1782.
3. *Marian*[5] *Slocum*, b. 22 March, 1784.
4. *Stephen Mazÿck*[5] *Slocum*, b. 16 April, 1786.
5. *Benjamin Walter*[5] *Slocum*, b. 1789.
6. *Charles*[5] *Slocum*, b. ——.

v. ANN[4] EASTON, b. 21 February, 1759; m. 8 November, 1784, at Newport, Rhode Island, Stephen Mazÿck, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Ravenel) Mazÿck, b. 1755; d. 24 August, 1808, at Charleston, South Carolina; d. 27 June, 1785. Stephen Mazÿck's home was at Goose Creek, Charleston, South Carolina. His name occurs in the list of soldiers who served in the Continental Army until the end of the war and who were therefore entitled to commutation of pay and to land bounty. He was lieutenant of the Second South Carolina Regiment and was accompanied by his colored servant, "Black Robin." His grandfather, Isaac Mazÿck, was the first of the name in the United States. Lieutenant Mazÿck's death and that of his first wife, Ann Easton, are chronicled in the newspapers of Charleston and of Newport. No children. He married (2), Miss Young and had six children.

vi. WALTER[4] EASTON, b. 13 June, 1760, Middletown, Rhode Island; d. there 27 July, 1761.

vii. WALTER[4] EASTON, 2nd, b. 2 June, 1762; m. (1), (intention, 4 January) 19 January, 1783, Phebe Slocum, daughter of Benjamin and Phebe (Wing) Slocum, b. 26 August, 1767; d. ——; m. (2) ——, Meribah Slocum, daughter of Benjamin and Phebe (Wing) Slocum, b. ——; d. ——; d. ——. In 1806 Walter Easton was a sailor. Until 1810 he lived in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. After that date he disappears from Town and County Records. It was undoubtedly he who married his wife's sister, Meribah, as there

was no contemporaneous Walter Easton. We have vainly tried to trace him and his children. Children:

1. *Holder*[5] *Easton*, b. 24 August, 1783.
2. *Nancy*[5] *Easton*, b. 10 June, 1786.
3. *Charles*[5] *Easton*, b. 18 November, 1789.
4. *Elizabeth*[5] *Easton*, b. 10 August, 1792.

viii. HOLDER[4] EASTON, b. 1 February, 1766; d. probably before 1799 as he is not mentioned in his father's will of that date.

ix. PETER[4] EASTON, b. 26 July, 1767; m. 18 September, 1784, Mary Coffin, daughter of Hon. Peleg and Eunice (Barker) Coffin, b. July, 1789; d. 19 March, 1846, at Boston, aetat. 66 years 7 months; d. 16 August, 1817 (*sic.*), Nantucket, Massachusetts. Dr. Peter Easton studied medicine with the well-known Dr. Isaac Senter of Newport. 29 12th mo. 1789, he was disowned by the Friends Meeting of Newport for having departed from their ways. He settled in Nantucket and apparently never returned to their membership as his marriage was performed by Bezalid Shaw, Town Clerk. The Nantucket Census which gives the date of his death as above is obviously an error, for his will was dated 16 September a month later. Dr. Charles D. Easton's records give his death as 17 September which is probably correct. Dr. Peter Easton left $50 to his sister, Content Warner, and to his executor, Philip Folger. The remainder of his estate was to be divided equally among his children after his son Isaac should attain the age of twenty-one. His wife was not mentioned but she signed the release to the executors. After her husband's death, Mrs. Easton moved to Boston where her daughter Mary Ann kept a fashionable boarding house on Bowdoin Square for many years. Mrs. Easton and all her children except Alexander are buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Children:

1. *Alexander*[5] *Easton*, b. 3 December, 1795.
2. *George Walter*[5] *Easton*, b. 3 January 1798.
3. *Josiah Barker*[5] *Easton*, b. 28 March, 1799; d. 1819 at Havana, Cuba, aetat. 20 years.

4. *Mary Ann Smith*[5] *Easton*, b. December, 1800, Nantucket; d. 13 August, 1872, Wenham, Massachusetts.
5. *Isaac Senter*[5] *Easton*, b. 31 May, 1802, Nantucket; d. 2 March, 1863, Boston; unmarried.

x. JOHN RICHARDSON[4] EASTON, b. 1 July, 1769; d., probably *sine prole*, before 1799, as he is not mentioned in his father's will.

xi. JOB[4] EASTON, b. 2 March, 1771; m. 16 August, 1796, Betsey Treavitt, daughter of Eleazer Treavitt, b. 1778; d. 6 January, 1830, Laurens, New York, ætat 52 years, after an illness of 20 years; d. 1839, at Burlington, Otsego County, New York. Job Easton's marriage was given in the *Newport Mercury* of 16 August, 1796. In 1802 he was living in Washington County, New York. In the *New Bedford Mercury* of 15 April, 1839, which gives his death, he is mentioned as "late of Newport." Children:

1. *Catherine*[5] *Easton*, b. 10 September, 1797; d. 7 October, 1797.
2. *Lucretia*[5] *Easton*, b. 7 November, 1798; d. 24 November, 1798.
3. *Franklin Benjamin*[5] *Easton*, b. 7 October, 1799.
4. *Peggy B.*[5] *Easton*, b. 12 March, 1802.
5. *Caroline*[5] *Easton*, b. 3 September, 1808.
6. *Harriet*[5] *Easton*, b. 3 September, 1818.

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JOHN[4] RICKETSON, son of William[3] (*William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Hannah (Russell) Ricketson, born 16 July, 1739/40; married 11 August, 1763, Patience Tucker, daughter of Abraham and Rebecca (Russell) Tucker, born 19 October, 1738, died ——; died 9 June, 1827, Dartmouth. John Ricketson was a yeoman. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts, where his farm is said to have extended from Ricketson's Point to Clarke's Point (now in New Bedford). He lived in the house occupied by his father.

Children:

20 i. HENRY,[5] b. 7 May, 1764.

ii. HANNAH,[5] b. 22 May, 1765, Dartmouth; d. 22 January, 1847, Ricketson's Point; unmarried.

21 iii. SYLVIA,[5] b. 30 November, 1766.

iv. BARTON,[5] b. 22 August, 1768; d. ——; unmarried.

22 v. CLARK,[5] b. 25 October, 1770, Dartmouth.

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SYLVIA[4] RICKETSON, daughter of William,[3] (*William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Hannah (Russell) Ricketson, born 5 December, 1742; married 27 October, 1763, Benjamin Tucker, son of Abraham and Rebecca (Russell) Tucker, born 19 September, 1741, died —— 1804; died ——. Benjamin Tucker was a yeoman. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. He married (2) Sarah Barney.

Children:

i. ABRAHAM[5] TUCKER, Jr., b. 17 June, 1764; m. 25 November, 1789, Hannah Sherman, daughter of Abraham and Mary Sherman, b. 15 June, 1767, d. 1833; died 3 May, 1839. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Mrs. Tucker's death is noted in the *Columbian Centinel* for 29 January, 1833. No children.

ii. HANNAH[5] TUCKER, b. 24 November, 1766; m. 2 January, 1788, Collins Smith, son of Henry and Cynthia (Wood) Smith, b. 21 July, 1765, d. 17 March, 1822, Dartmouth; d. 1823, Dartmouth. Collins Smith was the great-great-grandson of Lieutenant John Smith, one of the first settlers of Dartmouth (1665) and the first man to receive a military and also a civil commission from the Governour and Court at Plymouth. The homestead farm at Smith's Neck was the home of Collins Smith. The estate adjoined Potomska and is now (1902) owned by Benjamin Smith. Collins and Hannah Smith with their eight children are all buried in the old homestead burial place at Smith's Neck, Dartmouth. Mr. Smith's death is given in the *New Bedford Mercury*, also that of Mrs. Smith, which is in the issue of 9 May, 1823. Children:

1. *Humphrey*[6] *Smith*, b. 1 August, 1789; d. 2 October, 1807.
2. *Sylvia*[6] *Smith*, b. 25 April, 1791.
3. *Tucker*[6] *Smith*, b. 25 July, 1793.
4. *Benjamin Ricketson*[6] *Smith*, b. 21 July, 1795; d. 6 11th mo., 1871; unmarried.
5. *Cynthia*[6] *Smith*, b. 2 December, 1797.
6. *Rebeca*[6] *Smith*, b. 22 August, 1800.
7. *Hannah*[6] *Smith*, b. 12 October, 1803; d. 6 November, 1822; unmarried.
8. *Abraham Tucker*[6] *Smith*, b. 9 November, 1806; d. 12 September, 1807.

iii. PATIENCE[5] Tucker, b. 5 March, 1769, Dartmouth; m. 22 September, 1791, Stephen Sisson, son of Stephen* and Phebe† (Barker) Sisson, b. 15 July, 1767, d. (*circa*) 9 March, 1843; d. before 1843. "The Barker Family," by B. F. Newhall, gives the date of Stephen Sisson's marriage as 21 September. We have followed the copy of the Family Bible Record sent us by M. H. H. Crapo Smith. Stephen and Phebe Sisson lived for a time at Dartmouth, Massachusetts, whence they removed to Venice, Cayuga County, New York. Stephen Sisson's will was proved 28 August, 1843. His wife had predeceased him. Children:

1. *Sarah*[6] *Sisson*, b. 18 March, 1792.
2. *Edward*[6] *Sisson*, b. 22 December, 1794.
3. *Joseph*[6] *Sisson*, b. 2 February, 1797.
4. *Stephen*[6] *Sisson*, b. 30 March, 1799.
5. *Patience*[6] *Sisson*, b. 7 May, 1802.
6. *Phebe Tucker*[6] *Sisson*, b. 3 December, 1804.
7. *Rebecca*[6] *Sisson*, b. 5 August, 1812.
8. *Abraham Tucker*[6] *Sisson*, b. ——.

iv. PHEBE[5] TUCKER, b. 17 May, 1772; m. 30 June, 1796, James Tucker, son of John and Rhoda (Wing) Tucker, b. 27

* The heirs of Stephen Sisson were Joseph Sisson, Joseph R. Devoll, Jr., Abraham S. Devoll, Patience R. Purdy, wife of Henry Purdy, Rebecca Wood, wife of David Wood, Jr., Phebe T. Fletcher, wife of Abram Fletcher, Sarah Ann, Edward, David and William Devoll.

† Phebe Barker was the daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Smith) Barker and was born 29 August, 1745.

April, 1777, d. 17 December, 1843; d. 20 October, 1810. James Tucker was a farmer and lived on the Tucker Road, Dartmouth, Massachusetts, a mile south of Smith's Mills. Children:

1. *Lydia*[6] *Tucker*, b. 7 September, 1798.
2. *Sylvia*[6] *Ricketson Tucker*, b. 25 June, 1801.
3. *James*[6] *Tucker, Jr.*, b. 10 April, 1807.

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Hannah[4] Ricketson, daughter of William[3] (*William,*[2] *William*[1]) and Hannah (Russell) Ricketson, born 8 February, 1749/50; married 16 June, 1768, David Allen, son of Benjamin and Ellifal (Slocum) Allen, born 14 May, 1749; died 12 September, 1818, New Bedford; died before 1791, when her father made his will.

The witnesses to the marriage of Hannah Ricketson and David Allen were: Bethiah Wady, Sarah Howland, Mary Almy, William Ricketson, Benjamin Ricketson, Meribah Ricketson, John Ricketson, Patience Ricketson and Benjamin Tucker. In the record of his death, David Allen is styled "of Clark's Neck." His father's homestead was at the head of Clark's Cove, New Bedford; he originally owned the whole of Clark's Point and as far north as the brow of the hill of the County Road (now County Street), leading to Clark's Cove. His house itself, which was very large, was known as the Cove House, and afterward belonged to Abraham[4] Ricketson* (*John,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *William*[1]).

11 2nd mo., 1772, David Allen sent in a paper to the Friends Monthly Meeting at Dartmouth, expressive of his contrition "for having been in company with the Rabble."

He married again after his wife's death. His death is given in the New Bedford *Mercury*.

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* See Ricketson Genealogy, vol. II.

Children :

i. ELIFAL[5] ALLEN, b. 3 June, 1769 ; m. (intention) 11 October, 1789, Obadiah Butler, son of Benjamin* and Esther (Kempton) Butler, b. 6 7th mo., 1768 ; d. ——, 1844, New Bedford, aetat. 76 years ; d. 12 April, 1833. Obadiah Butler was complained of 22 9th mo., 1801, by the Friends, for non-attendance and was subsequently disowned. He was a sea captain. Residence, New Bedford, Massachusetts. His death is given in the *New Bedford Mercury* of 11 November, 1844. Children :

1. *Humphrey*[6] *Butler*, b. 18 3rd mo., 1790; d. 16 4th mo. 1799.
2. *Thomas*[6] *Butler*, b. 12 3rd mo., 1793.
3. *Hannah*[6] *Butler*, b. 11 4th mo., 1796.
4. *Asa*[6] *Butler*, b. 3 4th mo., 1799.
5. *Mehitable*[6] *Butler*, b. 28 5th mo., 1802.

ii. HUMPHREY[5] ALLEN, b. 26 December, 1771, Dartmouth ; m. 1 12th mo., 1795, Rebecca Russell, daughter of Caleb† and Content (Gifford) Russell, b. 15 February, 1778, Dartmouth ; d. —— ; d. ——. Residence, New Bedford, Massachusetts. Humphrey Allen was a rope-maker. When the New Bedford Friends Monthly Meeting was set off from Dartmouth Meeting, he was transferred with his stepmother, Elizabeth Allen. Children :

1. *William*[6] *Allen*, b. 13 1st mo., 1796.
2. *Sylvia*[6] *Allen*, b. 22 9th mo., 1800.
3. *Joseph Gifford*[6] *Allen*, b. 30 11th mo., 1807 ; d. 4 7th mo., 1823. Buried at New Bedford.
4. *Sally R.*[6] *Allen*, b. 24 1st mo., 1818.

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BENJAMIN[4] RICKETSON, son of William[3] (*William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Hannah (Russell) Ricketson, born 22 October, 1752 ; died, unmarried, ——, 1796, Dartmouth. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Occupation, Gentleman and yeoman.

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* Benjamin Butler, son of Obadiah and Elizabeth of Falmouth, and Esther Kempton, daughter of Thomas and Mary, married 29 3rd mo., 1758.

† Caleb Russell m. 9 5th mo., 1770, Content Gifford.

Benjamin Ricketson bought land at Saratoga, Albany County New York, and may at one time have thought of settling there, for in an indenture of 9 May, 1770, he is styled Benjamin Ricketson, Gentleman, late of Bristol, in the Province of Massachusetts, but now of Saragtoga (*sic*), in the County of Albany.

10th mo., 1778 The Friends Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth signed a certificate for Benjamin Ricketson, son of William Ricketson, to the Monthly Meeting of East Hoosick, as he is going there to settle his affairs.

9th mo., 1779 Benjamin Ricketson returned.

11th mo., 1780 The Overseers have been informed that John Barker, Benjamin Ricketson and William Howland have Joyned with a considerable Large Company of young people and went together under pretence of roasting and eating Quauhoggs and after providing and partaking of a considerable Entertainment at the Shore, both of provision and Spirituous Lickquors, Several of them went to a House, and there took very undue Liberty even Musick and Dancing . . . . They were to be dealt with accordingly.

5th mo., 1781 To the monthly meeting of Friends to be held the 19th day of 2nd mo., 1781.

Whereas we Sometime past Joined a considerable large company in an entertainment with roasting and eating Quohoks, whereat were also provide victuals and Spirituous Liquor, and after partaking of the same with Mirth and Merriment, we (the Said company) repaired to a house where was Musick and dancing and so far joined with them as to remain at the house till the company dispersed: For which misconduct we are sorry and do remain under their care.

From your real Friends Benjamin Ricketson

Joseph Howland 2nd	Caleb Barker
Jonathan Russell	William Barker, junior
George Smith	John Barker

7th mo., 1784 The Overseers inform that Benjamin Ricket son have attended a marriage or at an entertainment for a marriage that was held out of the unity of Friends, for which the said overseers Laboured with him, but received no satisfaction, whereupon we appoint Peleg Gifford, John Howland, and Stephen Buffington to Labour farther with Benjamin and report to the next monthly meeting.

8th mo., 1784 Benjamin Ricketson was reduced to contrition.

In his will, dated 26 January, 1796, Benjamin Ricketson makes the following disposition of his property:

To my brother, John Ricketson, $\frac{1}{3}$ of my real and personal estate.

To the heirs of Sylvia Tucker, wife of Abraham Tucker $\frac{1}{6}$ of Same

To the heirs of Hannah Allen, wife of David Allen, $\frac{1}{6}$ of Same

To Rhoda Wing, wife of Bennet Wing $\frac{1}{6}$ of Same

To Elizabeth Slocum, wife of Peleg Slocum, $\frac{1}{12}$ of Same

To Catherine Sanford, wife of David Sanford $\frac{1}{12}$ of Same

If Elizabeth Ricketson, widow, relict of William Ricketson, deceased, do not accept of the last will and testament of her late husband, Elizabeth Slocum and Catherine Sanford aforesaid, instead of having $\frac{1}{12}$ of my real and personal estate, should have only each of them one dollar and no more.

I give and bequeath one of the five lots of land I own in Gennessee County in the eleventh township in the third range in Gorham and Philip's purchase to be divided as follows, viz.:

One moiety to be the property of "friends and Quakers" at the place where said lot lies and never to be sold, and the other moiety for the use of the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting to be sold.

My will is that John Trip, son of Samuel Trip shall have the use and improvement during his natural life of the lot he now lives on and buildings known by the name of John Curtin

Lot also the improvement of my cleared land known as Jonah's Field. John Trip was to set out sixty apple trees at Curtin Lot.

I give to Rhoda Wing, one hundred dollars. I give to Henry, son of my brother John my desk and gun.

To Elephel Butler, wife of Obed Butler, bed, bolster, pillows and blankets.

Executors : John Ricketson and Bennet Wing.

About 1852, Benjamin Ricketson's grand-nephew, Benjamin Tucker Ricketson, bought the estate called "John Curtin Lot," John Trip had duly set out the sixty apple trees which yielded their harvest of fruit and the spot was the favorite playground of his little daughter, Sarah Howland Ricketson.

The small house on the place was occupied, long after it passed into the hands of Benjamin Tucker Ricketson, by John Trip's daughters, Mrs. Phebe Craw, a widow, and Miss Polly Trip. They divided the little domicile scrupulously in two and maintained separate homes, as they frequently were not on speaking terms for months at a time.

20 5th month, 1798. The Friends Meeting reports the gift of Benjamin Ricketson of land in Genessees (*sic*) County and have agreed with the heirs to have the title looked up.

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MERIBAH[4] RICKETSON, daughter of William[3] (*William,*[2] *William*[1]) and Hannah (Russell) Ricketson, born 10 January, 1755; died ——, probably young and unmarried ; certainly *sine prole*, as the will of her brother, Benjamin Ricketson, dated 26 January, 1796, makes no mention of her, and he enumerates all his other sisters in detail.

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RHODA[4] RICKETSON, daughter of William[3] (*William,*[2] *William*[1]) and Hannah (Russell) Ricketson, born 25 November, 1758, Dartmouth ; married 27 March, 1782, Dr. Bennett Wing,

son of Edward and Mehitable (Bennett) Wing, of Sandwich, Massachusetts, born 9 May, 1758; died ——; died ——. Dr. Wing was a physician. He lived at Scorton, between South Yarmouth and Sandwich, Massachusetts.

Children:

i. Sylvia[5] Wing, b. 7 July, 1783; m. 10 April, 1804, Prince Gifford, son of Abraham and Hannah (Winslow) Gifford, b. 6 January, 1785, Dartmouth; d. 9 May, 1844, South Yarmouth; d. 28 October, 1809, South Yarmouth. Residence, South Yarmouth, Massachusetts. Prince Gifford was a block-maker. He m. (2), Patience Gifford, and (3), Tamsen Freeman, and had many children. The Wing Genealogy gives the family incorrectly. Our information comes from Mr. Prince Gifford, Jr., and is accurate. Children:

1. *Sylvia Wing*[6] *Gifford*, b. 4 October, 1806, at South Yarmouth; d. 21 May, 1822, at South Yarmouth.
2. *Rhoda*[6] *Gifford*, b. 19 October, 1808, at South Yarmouth.

ii. Mehitable[5] Wing, b. 6 March, 1790; m. ——, Benjamin Blossom, son of Joseph and Alice Blossom, b. 18 November, 1785, Sandwich; d. 14 February, 1864, Sandwich, aetat 78 years, 3 months, 26 days; d. January, 1868. Residence, Sandwich, Massachusetts. Benjamin Blossom was a farmer. The Wing Genealogy confuses the Christian names of Benjamin Blossom and Bennett Wing. Children:

1. *Bennett Wing*[6] *Blossom*, b. 21 September, 1816, Sandwich.
2. *Eliza*[6] *Blossom*, b. ——.

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Elizabeth[4] Ricketson, daughter of William[3] (*William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Elizabeth (Smith) Ricketson, born 4 January, 1768, Dartmouth; married 3 December, 1788, Peleg Slocum, son of Peleg and Lucy (Howland) Slocum, born 4 January, 1764, Dartmouth, died 31 May, 1856, Dartmouth; died 7 November, 1838, Dartmouth.

Peleg Slocum was called "King Peleg" on account of his extensive possession of land on Slocum's Neck in Dartmouth where he lived in the house built by his grandfather, Holder Slocum. The house was burned about 1850. Peleg Slocum was a farmer. His wife's niece, Mrs. Smith (born Millia Ann Sanford), perfectly remembers his visiting her grandmother, Mrs. David Sanford (Catherine Ricketson), at Augusta, Maine. Peleg Slocum had driven from Dartmouth with his own horses and carriage and his colored coachman on the box.

Mrs. Slocum's death is mentioned in the *New Bedford Mercury* of 6 November, 1838; the date in the family record of 7 November must therefore be an error.

Children:

i. Almy[5] Slocum, b. 5 May, 1790, Dartmouth; m. (*circa*) 1808, Pardon Wing, son of John and Mercy (Almy) Wing, b. 22 March, 1786, at Dartmouth; d. 21 September, 1861, at Dartmouth; d. 5 October, 1883, Dartmouth. Residence, South Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Pardon Wing was a farmer. He and his wife are buried in the Padanarum graveyard there. The dates on the headstones differ from those given in the Slocum Genealogy. Children:

1. *Joseph*[6] *Wing*, b. 5 October, 1810.
2. *Catherine*[6] *Wing* b. 12 December, 1812.
3. *Peleg*[6] *Wing*, b. 27 September, 1817.
4. *Elija*[6] *Wing*, b. 20 May, 1820.
5. *Benjamin F.*[6] *Wing*, b. 22 October, 1822.
6. *Caroline*[6] *Wing*, b. 23 August, 1825.
7. *William Ricketson*[6] *Wing*, b. 5 July, 1830.
8. *John*[6] *Wing*, b. 7 April, 1833.

ii. Ricketson[5] Slocum, b. 5 May, 1790; m. 31 January, 1810, Jemima Wing, daughter of John and Mercy (Almy) Wing, b. 14 February, 1795; d. 19 August, 1875, Dartmouth; d. 13 July, 1854, Dartmouth. Residence, South Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Ricketson Slocum was a farmer and an influential and respected man. He was in the

Massachusetts Legislature, 1836–7. He is buried in the Friends Graveyard at South Dartmouth. Children:

1. *William Ricketson*[6] *Slocum*, b. 14 June, 1811.
2. *Frederick*[6] *Slocum*, b. ——, 1813.
3. *Charles*[6] *Slocum*, b. 23 January, 1816.
4. *Almy*[6] *Slocum*, b. ——, 1817.
5. *Joseph Wing*[6] *Slocum*, b. ——, 1819; d. ——, 1820.
6. *Lydia Wing*[6] *Slocum*, b. 22 May, 1822.
7. *Joseph Wing*[6] *Slocum*, b. ——, 1826.
8. *Peleg*[6] *Slocum*, b. ——, 1828.
9. *Mary Ann*[6] *Slocum*, b. 11 May, 1829.
10. *Elizabeth Ricketson*[6] *Slocum*, b. February, 1832.
11. *Frederick*[6] *Slocum*, b. April, 1833.

iii. Otis[5] Slocum, b. 17 October, 1800, Dartmouth; m. (1), 11 April, 1822, Almy Wing, daughter of John and Mercy (Almy) Wing, b. 24 August, 1800, Dartmouth; d. 26 September, 1851, Dartmouth; m. (2), 24 November, 1852, Hannah Smith Allen, daughter of Deliverance and Mehitable (Slocum) Smith, b. 22 June, 1800, Dartmouth; d. 4 April, 1885, Dartmouth; d. 31 May, 1884, Dartmouth. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Occupation, Farmer. Children:

1. *George Wing*[6] *Slocum*, b. 18 November, 1822.
2. *Henry Almy*[6] *Slocum*, b. 1 December, 1825.
3. *Rebecca Wing*[6] *Slocum*, b. 11 July, 1828.
4. *Holder Christopher*[6] *Slocum*, b. 29 March, 1834; d. 23 October, 1836.
5. *Philip Dunham*[6] *Slocum*, b. 4 December, 1839.
6. *John Otis*[6] *Slocum*, b. 13 March, 1842.

iv. Rebecca[5] Slocum, b. ——; m. 16 March, 1820, John Wing, son of John and Mercy (Almy) Wing, b. 7 November, 1797; d. 13 March, 1869; d. 23 November, 1832, at Dartmouth, aetat. 29. John Wing married (2) Mehitable Gifford; they had two children: Abner F. Wing, b. 10 June, 1836, and Rachel R. Wing, b. 4 February, 1850. Children:

1. *Nancy R.*[6] *Wing*, b. 8 August, 1820.
2. *Charles Frederick*[6] *Wing*, b. 16 March, 1823.
3. *Lyman*[6] *Wing*, b. 8 March, 1824.
4. *Sarah Ann*[6] *Wing*, b. 4 September, 1826.

v. WILLIAM[5] SLOCUM, b. ——; d. ——, Dartmouth; unmarried.

vi. ELIZABETH[5] SLOCUM, b. 11 July, 1808, Dartmouth; m. 28 August, 1828, Willard Almy, son of Richard and Patience (Wilcox) Almy, b. 1 May, 1805, Fall River; d. 1 September, 1870, aetat. 55 years, 4 months, 6 days; d. 28 August, 1883, Dartmouth. Willard Almy's mother, Patience Wilcox, was the daughter of Benjamin and Patience (Tucker) Wilcox, the latter was the daughter of Elizabeth[3] (Ricketson) Wilcox. Residence, Fall River, Massachusetts. Mr. Almy was a farmer and superintendent of the Almshouse. Children:

1. *Frederick Slocum*[6] *Almy*, b. 7 October, 1832, Fall River; d. 22 October, 1865, Dartmouth, aetat. 33 years, 15 days; unmarried.
2. *Richard*[6] *Almy*, b. 22 August, 1845, Fall River.

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CATHERINE[4] RICKETSON, daughter of William[3] (*William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Elizabeth (Smith) Ricketson, born 29 June, 1770; married 8 January, 1789, David Sanford, son of Peleg and Alice Sanford; born 16 September, 1773; died 15 April, 1814, Augusta, Maine, aetat. 44 years.

David Sanford and his wife were married by Benjamin Russell, Justice of the Peace. Mr. Sanford was then a yeoman, and the family lived at Dartmouth, Massachusetts, until 1802, when they moved to Augusta, Maine. At the time of David Sanford's death his estate was declared insolvent; his widow was appointed administratrix, and she apparently had ample means. She owned a farm at Sanford, Maine, near Augusta, Maine, which she made over to her sons David and Isaac and she confirmed this act in her will, dated 1840. Mrs. Sanford's only surviving granddaughter (1909), Mrs. Smith, born Millia Ann Sanford, tell us that when the family moved from Dartmouth to Augusta they brought with them a colored woman, named "Black Peg," who was family nurse to children and grandchildren. She was regarded with some terror by the residents of Kenne-

bec, as the town was then called, to whom negroes were almost unknown. Mrs. Smith also recalled the visit made by Mrs. Sanford and her daughter Catherine (Mrs. Purrington) to New Bedford, sometime in the "forties," when they carried with them a stuffed panther as a specimen of Maine productions. The memory of the latter animal is the sole recollection which any of the kindred in the old home appear to retain of their visits. David and Catherine Sanford were members of the Quaker Meeting and are buried on Quaker Hill, Sidney (near Augusta), Maine.

Children:

i. HOLDER[5] SANFORD, b. 16 June, 1789, Dartmouth; d. 21 June, 1793.

ii. ABIGAIL[5] SANFORD, b. 1 July, 1794, Dartmouth; d. 7 September, 1794.

iii. WILLIAM RICKETSON[5] SANFORD, b. 18 October, 1795, Dartmouth; m. (1), 4 December, 1817, Sylvia Lyon, daughter of Alpheus* and Lucy (Blake) Lyon; b. 21 June, 1796; d. ——; m. (2), ——, Mary A. (Dutton) Pickard, divorced from John Pickard, b. ——; d. 23 March, 1869; d. 28 November, 1865, North Manchester, Maine. Mr. Sanford was a farmer and horse-raiser. His farm was in North Manchester, Maine, and in the orchard he and his first wife, with their children, Charles Henry, Lyman Allen, and Mary Jane, are buried. When his son Lewis moved to California he had the headstones in the little lot laid flat upon the ground, so that they must now be wholly covered with earth. William Sanford was executor of his mother's will in 1850. The family Bible containing records is now in possession of Lewis Sanford who has sent us many of these dates. Children:

1. *Emeline Elizabeth*[6] *Sanford*, b. 7 June, 1818.
2. *Charles Henry*[6] *Sanford*, b. 15 February, 1820.
3. *Renil William*[6] *Sanford*, b. 21 December, 1821.
4. *Maria Louisa*[6] *Sanford*, b. 13 April, 1824.

* Son of Eliab Lyon, b. 25 May, 1766.

5. *Lyman Allen*[6] *Sanford*, b. 30 December, 1825.
6. *Sylvia Eliza*[6] *Sanford*, b. 27 November, 1827.
7. *Lewis Ricketson*[6] *Sanford*, b. 1 May, 1831.
8. *Mary Jane*[6] *Sanford*, b. ——, 1836; d. ——, 1841.

iv. HOLDER[5] SANFORD, b. 21 October, 1797; m. —— Patience ——; b. ——; d. ——; d. 25 July, 1858, aetat. 59 years. Holder Sanford was a tavern-keeper and also ran a stage line. He lived at Mattawamkeag, Maine, where he is buried in the village graveyard; the date of his death, from his headstone, was sent us, by the town clerk. His wife is said to have come from Hallowell, Maine, and she was living there in 1862, when her husband's estate was settled, but we can find no clue to her later residence nor to her maiden name. There are no entries concerning her in the Hallowell Town Records. Holder Sanford was called Captain Sanford. He and his wife had six children, all of whom died under the age of two years.

v. ELIZA[5] SANFORD, b. 8 February, 1800, Dartmouth, Massachusetts; m. 1 January, 1821, Eliab Lyon, Jr., son of Eliab* and Rachel (Faught) Lyon, b. 14 July, 1797; d. 12 July, 1882; d. 9 November, 1845. Mr. Lyon was a farmer; residence, Manchester, Kennebec County, Maine. Mr. Lyon had lived in three different towns and two different states while occupying the same house. The town was originally Kennebec, and the name was subsequently changed to Readfield, finally becoming Manchester, and at the time of his birth Maine was still a part of Massachusetts. The old family place is now in the possession (1909) of his son, Edward Franklin Lyon. Children:

1. *David Sanford*[6] *Lyon*, b. 20 May, 1822.
2. *Sarah Eliza*[6] *Lyon*, b. 19 March, 1824.

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* The following entries are from the Lyon Family Bible: Eliab Lyon, d. March, 1814, aet. 86. His wife, Mariah Smith Lyon, d. 26 February, 1814, aet. 92. Their son, Eliab Lyon, Jr., b. 18 March, 1763. His wife, Rachel (Faught) Lyon, b. 31 December, 1759. Their children, Mary L. Lyon, b. 22 December, 1788. Sarah Lyon, b. 19 February, 1791. Sarah Lyon, b. 5 April, 1794. Eliab and Rachel Lyon, b. 14 July, 1797.

3. *Charles Eliab*[6] *Lyon*, b. 11 March, 1830; d. 30 August, 1871; unmarried.
4. *Catherine Ricketson*[6] *Lyon*, b. 3 July, 1836; d. 17 October, 1864; unmarried.
5. *Edward Franklin*[6] *Lyon*, b. 12 April, 1839; unmarried 1909. Residence, Manchester, Maine.

vi. JONATHAN[5] SANFORD, b. 24 October, 1801, New Bedford, Massachusetts; m. 10 April, 1823, at Readfield, Maine, Millia Lyon, daughter of Tabor and Abigail (Caldwell) Lyon, b. 7 August, 1804, Readfield, Maine; d. 16 January, 1894, Industry, Maine; d. 1 May, 1847, Augusta, Maine. Jonathan Sanford was a farmer and trader and lived at Augusta, Maine. His widow m. (2), Henry Johnson, of Farmington, Maine. Jonathan Sanford is buried in the Allen Cemetery at Manchester. To his daughter, Mrs. Smith of Kennebunk, Maine (born Millia Ann Sanford), we are indebted for valuable help with the Sanford Family line. She was still beautiful at the age of seventy-seven. Children:

1. *Emily Abigail*[6] *Sanford*, b. 12 August, 1825, Readfield.
2. *Millia Ann*[6] *Sanford*, b. 5 April, 1832, Augusta, Maine.
3. *Augusta Cyrene*[6] *Sanford*, b. 10 March, 1836, Augusta, Maine.

vii. CHARLES[5] SANFORD, b. 22 September, 1803; m. 10 April, 1838, Angeline Daniells; d. ——, 1841. One record gives the year of Charles Sanford's birth as 1802. Residence, Augusta, Maine; occupation, horse-raiser. Charles Sanford was buried on Burnt Hill, Augusta. His nephew Lewis Ricketson Sanford, thinks that the grave has been destroyed by the cutting through of a street. His widow m. (2),—— Washburn, before 1845, but we cannot learn his given name nor where he lived. Mrs. Smith (Millia Ann Sanford) thinks that Charles Sanford had two children; if so, one must have died before 1842, as only Adeline is mentioned in the settlement of his estate. Charles Sanford left no will and his brother-in-law, Eliab Lyon, was appointed executor. Child:

1. *Adeline*[6] *Sanford*, b. ——.

viii. CATHERINE[5] SANFORD, b. 2 April, 1805; m. (intention 16 September, 1836) 31 October, 1836, Zaccheus Purington, son of Daniel* and Lydia Purington, b. 12 8th mo., 1804; d. 24 November, 1884, Philadelphia; d. ——, 1848, Sidney, Maine. Mr. Purington was a blacksmith. The family lived at Sidney and at Oldtown, Maine. Mrs. Purington and her mother revisited the old home in New Bedford, as has been said, sometime in the "forties." She died of consumption. Mrs. Smith tells us that there were five Purington children who died in infancy and were buried at Oldtown. Mr. Purington moved to Baltimore, Maryland, with his children William and Katie, and he and his son are there buried in the cemetery. His daughter Katherine married (1), Dr. Harvey Londsley Pierce, son of Daniel and Mary Ann (Taylor) Pierce, born 24 August, 1829. Dr. Pierce was Assistant-Surgeon in the 5th Maryland Infantry; he was mustered into service 21 August, 1862, taken prisoner and shot at Libby Prison 5 November, 1863. He is buried in the Purington lot in the Baltimore cemetery. His son, Norval H. Pierce, was born 13 May, 1863. Mrs. Pierce married (2), 24 April, 1869, George R. Bunting of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Zaccheus Purington is buried at Baltimore, Maryland. Children:

1. *William H.*[6] *Purington*, b. —— 1838; d. 12 April, 1860.
2. *Katherine E.*[6] *Purington*, b. ——.

ix. DAVID[5] SANFORD, b. 9 November, 1806; m. 7 March, 1836, Abigail Low Lyon, daughter of Tabor and Abigail (Caldwell) Lyon, b. 6 June, 1806; d. 7 August, 1889, Manchester; d. 27 August, 1849, Manchester. David Sanford was a farmer and lived on the family place at Sanford Plains, Manchester, which his mother had given to him and his brother Isaac. They were both buried in the orchard behind the house, but their remains were afterward removed to the Allen Cemetery at North Manchester, Maine. No children.

* Daniel Purington died 20 11th mo., 1829; Lydia Purington died 7 1st mo., 1866 (Sidney Friends Meeting Records).

x. Isaac[5] Sanford, b. 17 February, 1809; d. —— 1853; unmarried. Isaac Sanford lived with his brother David on the family place at Sanford Plains, Manchester (once Kennebec), Maine. In his will, proved 19 September, 1853, dated 15 March, 1853, he made many public bequests: among others, $1,500 to the city of Augusta; $700 to the Reform School of Cumberland County; $500 to the Sailors' Home at Boston; and legacies to the Society of Blind and Deaf Mutes; the Kennebec Bible Society and the Society for the Colonization of the Blacks.

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Henry[5] Ricketson, son of John[4] (*William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Patience (Tucker) Ricketson, born 7 May, 1764, Dartmouth; married 15 October, 1789, Alice Sanford, daughter of George and Rachel (Gifford) Sanford, born 21 3rd mo., 1771; died 26 2nd mo., 1826; died 10 March, 1824, Dartmouth.

Henry Ricketson lived in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, and was a farmer. His farm was on the brow of the hill overlooking Padanarum and was afterward known as the Isaac Davis place. It extended to the lower road and included part, at any rate, of the land where the cemetery now is, for he gave a portion of it to the town for that purpose. Henry Ricketson was brought up a Friend but he was disowned 21 12th mo., 1789, for his marriage; his wife was restored to membership 15 3rd mo., 1790. He was a man of fine character, but intemperate habits increased if, indeed, not entirely caused by, his wife's unfortunate disposition. She had so violent and ungovernable a temper that on one occasion she set fire to the barn in a fit of passion. In 1816 Henry Ricketson's mind became greatly affected and it was necessary to place him under guardianship; in 1823 however he must have recovered, for in that year he was of sufficiently sound mind to make a will which was proved 27 July, 1824. He and his wife are buried in the Padanarum Cemetery which was his gift to the village. The dates of death of Mr. Ricketson and his wife cut on their gravestones are incorrect.

Children :

23 i. SYLVIA,[6] b. —— 1790.
24 ii. GIDEON,[6] b. —— 1794.
25 iii. REBECKAH, b. August, 1796.
26 iv. WILLIAM,[6] b. 26 April, 1800, Dartmouth.
27 v. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN,[6] b. —— 1809.
28 vi. JAMES HARVEY,[6] b. ——.

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SYLVIA[5] RICKETSON, daughter of John[4] (*William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1])and Patience (Tucker) Ricketson, born 31 July, 1766; married (1), 25 December, 1789, Jethro Soule, son of Jonathan Soule, born ——; died ——, 1797; married (2), (intention 17 April, 1802), Stephen Barker, son of Jabez and Meriba (Borden) Barker, born 4 August, 1759; died ——, 1825, Dartmouth, aetat. 66 years; died 28 February, 1839. Jethro Soule was grandson of Joseph Soule of Westport, Massachusetts. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. The death of Stephen Barker is given in the *New Bedford Mercury* of 28 October, 1825.

Children :

i. ——[6] SOULE. } Twin daughters who died in infancy.
ii. ——[6] SOULE. }

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CLARK[5] RICKETSON, son of John[4] (*William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Patience (Tucker) Ricketson, born 25 October, 1770; married (1), 12 December, 1795, Mary Wood, daughter of John and Rebeckah (Howland) Wood, born 2 November, 1776; died 6 January, 1826, Ricketson's Point; married (2), (intention, 13 September, 1828), Elizabeth Wood, daughter of John and Rebeckah (Howland) Wood, born 14 February, 1783; died 9 June, 1862, Ricketson's Point; died 2 February, 1850, Ricketson's Point.

It is not known whence Clark Ricketson obtained his given name, which is an unusual one in Dartmouth, but Clark's Point, New Bedford, was probably named for him. He went to school in New Bedford for a time, walking back and forth daily from Dartmouth along what was then a mere bridle-path through the woods. 30 August, 1794, he was published in marriage to Rhoda Wilcox of Westport; she died a few days before their wedding day and was buried in her wedding gown. For her his two oldest daughters were undoubtedly named.

The home of his two wives, Mary and Elizabeth Wood, was the large Colonial house, still standing at the head of Apponagansett River, opposite the Friends Meeting house. It must have been a beautiful mansion, the wide door-way, entrance hall and spacious rooms bespeaking old time hospitality, and in the garden at the left may still be seen traces of the little enclosure wherein the family were laid to rest. When the estate was sold the remains were removed to the cemetery.

Clark Ricketson was a birthright member of the Friends, and at first tried to conform to their precepts as is shown by the following entry from the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting Records: "15 11th mo. 1770 A paper signed by Clark Ricketson expresses sorrow for having attended at a place of music and dancing." The apology was accepted and the delinquent restored to favour, but like their ancestor Samuel Gorton, the Ricketson race have always demanded freedom of thought and action, and Clark Ricketson as he grew older evidently felt the need of more liberty than was consistent with the narrow tenets of the Quaker sect. "A Committee of the Dartmouth Meeting reported that they have had Several opportunities with him and find that he has Since fallen into like transgression and also he has departed from the Simplicity of our profession in his dress which they have endeavored to show him the Inconsistency of but he did not appear in a Situation to the friends Satisfaction. Wherefore with the Concurrence of the Women's Meeting we deny

unity with him and can no longer esteem him a member of our Society until he Shall be favored to return to the satisfaction of this meeting."

After leaving the Friends, Clark Ricketson joined the Congregational Church in Dartmouth, but his wives and his older daughters continued in the Meeting. 5 December, 1829, he bought Pew No. 31 in the Dartmouth Congregational Church.

He had inherited from his father the portion of his estate known as Ricketson's Point, which had come down to them from their emigrant ancestor, the first William Ricketson, and in 1803 he built the house which is still standing; the lumber was brought from Maine in vessels and landed on the beach at the Point. They moved into the new house 8 August, 1804, the day before his daughter Rebeckah was born.

Clark Ricketson was always known as Captain Ricketson from his Commission in the militia. 23 July, 1808, he was appointed Lieutenant of the 2d Regiment, 2d Brigade, 5th Division, serving in New Bedford; and 13 April, 1812, he was promoted to a captaincy.

In 1814 he was Representative from Dartmouth.

It may not be generally known that the scheme of a Cape Cod Canal is of no recent date. About 1820 a petition was presented to the Legislature of Massachusetts by inhabitants of Dartmouth, asking that leave to build a canal across the peninsula through the town of Sandwich, thus connecting Buzzards Bay with Barnstable, might be granted them. Among the petitioners were Clark Ricketson, his son Barton Ricketson, his brother-in-law Stephen Taylor, and his son-in-law James T. Slocum. The petition mentions that a similiar request had already been made a generation before.*

He and his family were originally buried on the place in accordance with the custom of the time, but their remains were afterward removed to the family lot in the Padanarum graveyard.

* A copy of this petition was printed in the *New Bedford Republican Standard* for 3 March, 1904.

Children :

i. Rhoda,[6] b. 20 May, 1797; d. 27 May, 1797.

29 ii. Rhoda,[6] b. 30 July, 1798.

iii. John,[6] b. 11 August, 1799; d. 29 August, 1799.

30 iv. Patience,[6] b. 3 December, 1800.

31 v. Barton,[6] b. 12 May, 1802.

vi. Phebe,[6] b. 12 August, 1803; d. 21 May, 1804.

32 vii. Rebeckah Howland,[6] b. 9 August, 1804, Ricketson's Point.

viii. John,[6] b. 24 December, 1805, Ricketson's Point; d. 30 May, 1806, Ricketson's Point.

ix. Eliza,[6] b. 7 July, 1807, Ricketson's Point; d. 30 September, 1893, New Bedford. Eliza Ricketson was a great belle in her young maidenhood, and her sister, Mrs. Thomas used to say that she well remembered the Sunday afternoons when the horses of eight of Eliza's suitors were tethered to the hitching posts outside the house at Ricketson's Point. The favored swain was Ephraim Smalley, afterward a clergyman of some note and father of the well-known journalist, George Washburn Smalley, but the Smalley family was of humble origin, and as Captain Ricketson consequently disapproved the match, his dutiful daughter sent her lover away and settled down into the then thankless office of "family old maid." Mrs. Cummings (born Mary Ricketson Thomas) has written us of her aunt Eliza's devoted care of herself and her sisters in their childhood and of how much they owed to her wise teaching. She was a woman who, under more favorable conditions, might have made a name for herself for she possessed uncommon intelligence, and theories and ideas, especially in matters of hygiene, far in advance of her time, as well as keen scientific interests which found no scope in the surroundings among which her lot was cast. She lived for many years with a friend in Newport, Rhode Island, and after the latter's death made her home with her sister, Mrs. Slocum and her niece, Mrs. Pierce, in New Bedford.

x. Asa,[6] b. 8 June, 1809, Ricketson's Point; d. 8 February, 1849, Ricketson's Point; unmarried. Asa Ricketson

went to boarding school at the Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Massachusetts. He settled in St. Louis, Missouri, but returned to his old home under death sentence with lingering consumption. He was so beloved in St. Louis that when his grandniece, Mary, married Mr. Paschall Carr and went there in 1893, she found his memory still green in the hearts of all who had known him. He was greatly interested in art and very generous to struggling artists. The late James Yeatman, to whom "The Crisis" by Winston Churchill is dedicated and from whom the character of Mr. Brinsmade in that novel is drawn, was Asa Ricketson's intimate friend. They made their home together during the latter's life in St. Louis.

33 xi. BENJAMIN TUCKER,[6] b. 14 February, 1811, Ricketson's Point.

34 xii. CHARLES WOOD,[6] b. 9 December, 1815, Ricketson's Point.

35 xiii. MARY WOOD,[6] b. 20 August, 1817, Ricketson's Point.

23

SYLVIA[6] RICKETSON, daughter of Henry[5] (*John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Alice (Sanford) Ricketson, born ——, 1790; married ——, Josiah M. Cleaveland of Philadelphia, born ——; died ——; died ——.

Sylvia Ricketson is said to have been very beautiful. We do not know when she was married to Mr. Cleaveland, but before 1847, when she was sole heir to her son's estate. In that year monies were sent to her from the Administrator at Newport, Rhode Island, New York and Philadelphia. After that all trace of her disappears. Her brother Captain William Ricketson made many efforts to find her but without success.

Child:

i. CHARLES FREDERICK,[7] b. ——, 1811; d. 7 October, 1847, New York; unmarried. Charles Frederick Ricketson was a very successful sea captain and is said to have been the youngest master-mariner who ever sailed from

New York harbor. He was greatly respected and beloved by all his mother's people. He died of pneumonia after only a day's illness and is buried in the lot of his grandfather, Henry Ricketson, in Padanarum Cemetery.

24

Captain GIDEON[6] RICKETSON, son of Henry[5] (*John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Alice (Sanford) Ricketson, born ——, 1794, Dartmouth; married (1), (intention, 5 September, 1812), Catherine Cushman Kempton, daughter of Elijah and Lucy (Haydon) Kempton, born 7 May, 1798; died 17 November, 1858, New Bedford; married (2), ——, 1825, at Wilmington, North Carolina, Elvina Perry, daughter of Captain James and Abigail Perry, born 3 March, 1811; died 25 March, 1868; died 10 February, 1838, Newport, Rhode Island.

Gideon Ricketson was a sea captain. His first marriage was unhappy and he and his first wife separated. She married (2) Foster Solomon Dennis of New Bedford, and is there buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery. 9 October, 1818, Captain Ricketson was living in Craven County, North Carolina, as deeds show that at that date he became half owner of a negro girl named "Deziah." At the time of his second marriage, recorded in the *Providence Journal* of 11 August, 1825, he was still in North Carolina, and in his will dated 23 December, 1827, he is styled Captain Ricketson, residing in Newport, "late of State of Alabama and formerly of Massachusetts."

He left all his property to his second wife with the exception of two bequests to members of his family and $20 to Henry Ricketson of the State of Massachusetts. The latter was of course his son, in whom he felt no interest, and who was brought up by his grandfather Kempton. Captain Ricketson's will was proved 5 March, 1838. He and his second wife are buried in the Island Cemetery, Newport, Rhode Island.

Child:

36 i. HENRY HOLSEY,[7] b. ——, 1815.

25

Rebeckah[6] Ricketson, daughter of Henry[5] (*John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Alice (Sanford) Ricketson, born August, 1796; married 12 July, 1813, Joseph Bolles, son of Joshua and Prudence (Taber) Bolles, born 14 March, 1790; died ——; died 13 July, 1813; aetat. 16 years, 11 months. No children.

Rebeckah Ricketson's aunt, Mrs. Soule (Sylvia Ricketson), used to tell her niece, Mrs. Thomas (Mary Wood Ricketson), many stories of the two fair sisters, Sylvia and Rebeckah, and from her we learned the tragedy of Rebeckah's short life. She and Sylvia were very beautiful, and their home-life with their mother's violent outbursts of temper and their father's consequent intemperance, was ill-fitted to provide the care and training needed for girls so perilously lovely. In the Dartmouth Town Records appears the following note in regard to Rebeckah Ricketson.

"Intention. Mr. John A. Smith and Rebeckah Ricketson both of Dartmouth, August 9, 1812.

Ephraim Tripp.

"Whereas, John A. Smith and Rebeckah Ricketson as above mentioned by the request of a third person were published and within time the following objections were made by Miss Rebeckah Ricketson on 19 August, 1812.

"Dartmouth, 18 August, 1812.

"Mr. Tripp, I have altered my mind, as Mr. Smith is not agreeable to my mind I want to have publishment that stand between Mr. Smith and myself to be void.

Yours to serve,

Rebeckah Ricketson."

N. B. You must excuse me for putting you to so much trouble.

Ephraim Tripp Town Clerk

A year later she was married to Joseph Bolles, and on the day after her marriage she committed suicide. Her grand niece, Mrs. Sweetsen, tells us that she has heard that Rebeckah's mother forced her to marry Mr. Bolles against her will, and that a portrait which she remembers to have seen of the bridegroom seemed to her sufficient reason for Rebeckah's aversion, so sinister was his expression. Joseph Bolles's father lived in New Bedford. He died when his son was twelve years old, and his widow Prudence was appointed guardian. We have been able to learn nothing of Joseph Bolles's later life. Some of his relatives live in Bristol County, but they could recall only his name, and it is not strange that they should never have heard of his twenty-four hours married life with Rebeckah Ricketson.

As we have already said, Henry Ricketson had lately given to the town of Dartmouth a piece of land for the cemetery, and his daughter was the first to be laid there. Her gravestone is of old blue slate and is placed beside her father's in the family lot. It bears the following inscription :

In memory of
Mrs. REBECCA
wife of
Mr. JOSEPH BOLLES
who died
July 13 1813 aged 16
years 11 months

T'is God that lifts our comforts high
Or sinks them in the grave
He gives and blessed be His Name
He takes but what He gave

26

WILLIAM[6] RICKETSON, son of Henry[5] (*John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Alice (Sanford) Ricketson, born 26 April, 1800; married (intention 29 June), 18 July, 1822, Phebe Springer Pease, daughter of Fortunatus and Susannah M. (Sherman-Sher-

man) Pease,* born 29 March, 1801, Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard; died 17 August, 1896, Dartmouth; died 10 January, 1872. Residence, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. No children.

Captain Ricketson was a master-mariner. He and his wife adopted Lydorean Sherman who married Captain Ricketson's nephew, Henry Holsey Ricketson. Captain Ricketson and his wife are buried in the Dartmouth Cemetery. The inscription on his stone incorrectly gives the date of his death as 17 August, 1872.

27

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN[6] RICKETSON, son of Henry[5] (*John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Alice (Sanford) Ricketson, born ——, 1809; married (1), 27 July, 1837, at Boston, Massachusetts, Nancy A. Wormell, born ——, 1816; died 16 September, 1854, Brooklyn, New York; married (2), ——, 1863, Brooklyn, New York, Mary Kline, daughter of Henry Wand and Mary (Knipe) Kline, born ——, 1827; died 18 April, 1890, King's County Hospital, Brooklyn, aetat. 63 years; died 17 December, 1888, Sailor's Snug Harbor, Staten Island, aetat. 79 years.

Benjamin Franklin Ricketson was married to Miss Wormell by Reverend Baron Stow, and at that date was a resident of New York City. He was a sea captain and one of the first to become familiar with the Pacific Ocean and California coast. Some of the family think that he formed a third union with some one from Ohio and that there were two children, but we have been unable to verify this impression. He lived in Brooklyn for a number of years before his death.

Children:

37 i. JOSEPH HENRY,[7] b. 15 September, 1839, Boston.

ii. JAMES HARVEY,[7] b. ——; d. ——. He was killed in the Civil War, but we cannot learn in what regiment and company he served.

* Mrs. Susannah M. Pease was the daughter of Daniel and Lydia (Maxfield) Sherman. She married (1), Driel, son of Timothy and Catherine Sherman; (2) 21 December, 1799, Fortunatus Sherman.

iii. JANE,[7] b. ——; d. ——; unmarried.
iv. COLLINS MALCOLM,[7] b. ——, Brooklyn; d. ——, Brooklyn.
v. MARY VIOLET,[7] b. 8 September, 1868; d. January, 1872.

28

JAMES HARVEY[6] RICKETSON, son of Henry[5] (*John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Alice (Sanford) Ricketson, born ——; married (intention 27 June), 18 July, 1839, Mary Ann Dennis, daughter of Foster Solomon and Cate (Kempton-Ricketson) Dennis, born ——, 1823; died 12 February, 1861, at New Bedford, aetat. 58 years; died ——. Residence, New Bedford, Massachusetts. Occupation, Master mariner. Captain Ricketson is said to have been killed in the Civil War, and is supposed to have enlisted from Illinois, but we are unable to verify the statement. He and his wife separated many years before his death and it is possible that he may have married again, but of this also we have no certain knowledge. Mrs. Ricketson married at Boston, 6 February, 1860, J. Proctor Snow. She is buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery, New Bedford.

29

RHODA[6] RICKETSON, daughter of Clark[5] (*John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Mary (Wood) Ricketson, born 30 July, 1798, Dartmouth; married (intention, 14 November, 1818), November, 1818, Andrew Beauvais, son of Joseph and Catherine Beauvais, born 15 May, 1795, Bordeaux, France; died 6 August, 1878, Dartmouth; died 15 February, 1820. No children. Andrew Beauvais was a sea captain. His family lived in Bordeaux, France, and had become impoverished by the Revolution. In order to avoid conscription in Napoleon's army, to which boys of twelve were then subject, his widowed mother sent him to America, whither his sister, Louise (wife of Captain James Ryder of Dartmouth), had preceded him. He commanded packet ships from New York on the New Orleans line and was also in South American trade, chiefly with Buenos Ayres. He

married (2) Patience[6] Ricketson 30, sister of his first wife; and (3) Alice H. Sherman, daughter of Jireh H. and Ann (Howland) Sherman of Dartmouth. Captain Beauvais is buried in the Padanarum Cemetery. His first marriage is given in the *New Bedford Mercury* of 20 November, 1818.

30

Patience[6] Ricketson, daughter of Clark[5] (*John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Mary (Wood) Ricketson, born 3 December, 1800, Dartmouth; married ——, 1823, Dartmouth, Captain Andrew Beauvais, son of Joseph and Catherine Beauvais, born 15 May, 1795, Bordeaux, France; died 6 August, 1878, Dartmouth; died 10 September, 1831, Hallett's Cove (now Astoria), Long Island.

The marriage of Captain Beauvais and Patience Ricketson is noted in the *New Bedford Mercury* of 24 April, 1823, and her death in the *Mercury* of 16 September, 1831. At that time apparently Captain Beauvais was living at Hallett's Cove as he is described as "late of Dartmouth," which was certainly his home the greater part of his life. For details about him, see Rhoda Ricketson, 29.

Children:

i. Joseph Arthur[7] Beauvais, b. 21 January, 1824, Dartmouth; m. (1), 18 May, 1848, Hannah Colton Parker, daughter of Ward M. and Hepsibah (Davis) Parker, b. 2 January, 1825, Woods Hole, Massachusetts; d. 17 January, 1879, New Bedford; m. (2), 1 June, 1881, Mary Stetson Mendell, daughter of Ellis and Catherine (Allen) Mendell, b. 14 April, 1838, Fairhaven, Massachusetts; d. 24 July, 1905, Roxbury, Boston; d. 30 July, 1899, New Bedford. Joseph Arthur Beauvais attended school in Dartmouth until 1840, when he went to the Bush (now Madison) Street Grammar and High School in New Bedford. While at school he met with an accident to his knee which crippled him for life. In 1842 he entered the counting house of his uncle, Barton Ricketson, who

was then the managing owner of whaling and merchant vessels and also of the New Bedford Iron Foundry. In 1872 Mr. Beauvais formed the firm of Beauvais & Fuller, private bankers, and he also organized the Fall River Railroad of which he became president. With his partner and others he founded the Citizens National Bank, he was president of the Institution and transferred his private business to it in 1878. He was president for a term of the New England Mutual Aid Society. Child:

1. *Louise Cécile*[8] *Beauvais*, b. 11 November, 1854, New Bedford; m. 15 October, 1879, at New Bedford, Maximilian Ritter von Schmaedel, of Germany, son of Carl and Pauline (Grill) von Schmaedel. She died 17 June, 1882, having one child: Harold Parker[9] von Schmaedel, b. 3 May, 1881.

ii. ANDREW BERTRAND[7] BEAUVAIS, b. 20 July, 1827, Dartmouth; m. 29 November, 1863, Lavinia Davis Andrews, daughter of Jonathan and Abigail Sawtelle (Powers) Andrews, b. 24 August, 1843, Corinna, Maine; d. 23 April, 1900, Valencia, California; d. 30 June, 1886, Columbia. Mr. Beauvais was a civil engineer. Residence, Columbia Tuolumne County, California. After his death his widow and children moved to Oakland, California. Children:

1. *Arthur Clark*[8] *Beauvais*, b. 12 August, 1864, Columbia, California; d. February, 1868, Columbia.
2. *Andrew Bertrand*[8] *Beauvais*, b. 27 June, 1866, Columbia; d. September, 1867, Columbia.
3. *Adrienne Louise*[8] *Beauvais*,* b. 23 June, 1872, Columbia.
4. *Kathryn Rebecca*[8] *Beauvais*, b. 10 October, 1877.

iii. CATHERINE MARY[7] BEAUVAIS, b. 29 July, 1829, New York, New York; m. 21 November, 1872, Erastus Matthews, son of Charles† and Ruth (Crowell) Matthews, b. August, 1821, Dartmouth; d. 2 September, 1885, Dartmouth, aetat. 63 years, 11 months; d. 6 March, 1898. Residence,

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* Adrienne Louise[8] Beauvais married William Elliott Milwain, 10 January, 1900.

† Charles Matthews married Ruth Crowell, 21 March, 1812.

Dartmouth, Massachusetts. No children. Catherine Beauvais's life was that of a typical Cinderella. Her father, Captain Beauvais, was much away at sea and Captain Ricketson, realizing that his grand daughter was entirely sacrificed to her stepmother and the large family of half-brothers and sisters, offered to assume the expense of her education and send her to boarding school. Her stepmother refused to let her go and the best years of Catherine's life were passed as a household drudge. She bore her trials with uncomplaining courage, and her marriage in middle life brought her some years of happiness.

31

BARTON[6] RICKETSON, son of Clark[5] (*John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Mary (Wood) Ricketson, born 12 May 1802, Dartmouth; married 14 November, 1828, at New York, New York, Cécile Catherine Ryder, daughter of Captain James and Louise Catherine (Beauvais) Ryder, born 11 May, 1812, Bordeaux, France; died 7 June, 1890, New Bedford; died 15 January, 1867, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Barton Ricketson attended school in Dartmouth, until he went to sea. After his marriage he moved to New York, New York, with his wife's parents, Captain and Mrs. James Ryder; they lived on Henry Street which was then a fashionable part of the city. Later they bought a place at Hallett's Cove (now Astoria), Long Island, but were obliged to leave there on account of malaria. They returned to Dartmouth, and subsequently settled in New Bedford which remained their home. During the early part of his life Barton Ricketson and Captain Ryder were associated in the packet service, sailing chiefly from New York to France. At the time of the gold fever he went to California where he made a large fortune which he afterward lost. He was interested also in sending vessels to various ports; at one time, in apparent emulation of Lord Timothy Dexter of Newburyport, despatching a cargo of warming pans to South America, where the natives made use of them in gold mining.

His chief business however was the fitting out of whaling vessels from New Bedford. He had a decided talent for invention and the sanguine temperament which is apt to be its accompaniment; among his attempts in this line were an apparatus for carrying school books, a dead-eye (part of a ship's rig), and a bicycle, the last far taller, so says one of his daughters, than even the first lofty ones imported here from Europe.

Mr. Ricketson was a man of uncommon executive ability entering upon whatever he undertook with the utmost enthusiasm. He was universally respected and beloved, and his opinion on business matters was much esteemed. His family life was beautiful and he was most generous and warm-hearted with a sunny disposition and great love for children, and although rather a silent man, when he did speak every word was trenchant and to the point. He died at the home of his brother Charles Wood Ricketson at Pittsburgh and is buried in the family lot in Padanarum Cemetery. Mrs. Ricketson lived in New Bedford where her daughters now reside.

Children:

38 i. James Clark,[7] b. 26 February, 1831, Hallett's Cove, Long Island, New York.

ii. Mary Louise,[7] b. 1 September, 1834; d. 11 June, 1876, New Bedford; unmarried.

39 iii. Barton,[7] Jr., b. 8 December, 1836, South Dartmouth.

iv. Cecile Catherine,[7] b. 7 February, 1839. Residence, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

40 v. Charles Wood,[7] b. 9 August, 1841, New Bedford.

vi. Henriette Beauvais,[7] b. 26 April, 1844; d. 10 January, 1897, New Bedford; unmarried.

41 vii. Arthur Beauvais,[7] b. 1 September, 1846.

viii. Helen Bucklin,[7] b. 19 October, 1849, New Bedford; unmarried, Residence, New Bedford.

32

Rebeckah Howland[6] Ricketson, daughter of Clark[5] (*John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Mary (Wood) Ricketson, born

9 August, 1804, Ricketson's Point, Dartmouth ; married 21 June, 1821, James Tucker Slocum, son of Elihu and Sarah (Smith) Slocum, born 3 July, 1795, Dartmouth ; died 5 August, 1874, New Bedford ; died 4 October, 1891, New Bedford.

Rebeckah Howland Ricketson was born the day after the family moved into the new house at Ricketson's Point. She was named for her grandmother Wood, who was born Rebeckah Howland.

James Tucker Slocum was a merchant. He was a very intelligent man, and in 1834 was Representative in the Massachusetts Legislature from Dartmouth. In 1854 he moved to New Bedford where he bought a house on Seventh Street which his widow and daughter occupied as long as they lived. The family are buried in the Friend's Graveyard in New Bedford.

Children :

i. Julia Almy[7] Slocum, b. 14 March, 1824, Dartmouth ; m. 24 May, 1848, William Clark Pierce, son of Clothier and Comfort (Chase) Pierce, b. 31 July, 1821 ; d. 12 April, 1859 ; d. 12 January, 1904, New Bedford. No children. Residence, New Bedford, Massachusetts. Mr. Pierce was a clerk. Mrs. Pierce had no relatives nearer than first cousins. She divided her property into one hundred shares, leaving a certain number of shares to each of her cousins and specifying that all her personal property should be sold at auction but that only the legatees should be allowed to bid for it. She had many family heirlooms which had been handed down in the Ricketson and Slocum families. Her house was entirely furnished with antique furniture and with china and glass which were very rare and beautiful.

ii. John Smith[7] Slocum, b. 13 February, 1827, Dartmouth ; d. 1 September, 1828.

33

Benjamin Tucker[6] Ricketson, son of Clark[5] (*John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Mary (Wood) Ricketson, born

14 February, 1811, Ricketson's Point, Dartmouth; married 18 November, 1835, at New Bedford, Eliza Cowdrey Warneck, daughter of James and Margaret (Gorman) Warneck, born 1 November, 1814, Ireland; died 26 November, 1883, New Bedford; died 3 March, 1890, New Bedford.

Benjamin Tucker Ricketson was named for the husband of his grandfather's sister Sylvia (Ricketson) Tucker. He went to school in Dartmouth until 1828 when he and his brother Asa were sent to the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Massachusetts, where they remained for a year, boarding in the family of a Mr. Barker. Among their fellow-boarders were John F. and Samuel Slater, sons of Samuel Slater of Smithfield, Rhode Island, and Osman C. Baker and John C. Keener, afterward Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

When quite a young man, Mr. Ricketson settled in New Bedford; he held a position as clerk for several years and later formed a partnership with Franklin Tobey, under the name of Tobey and Ricketson. They were in a building on Centre Street and conducted a wholesale grocery business and were agents for several whaling vessels. When this partnership was dissolved, Mr. Ricketson took up insurance, and carried on an extensive business in marine insurance when whaling was at its height. He was also local agent of the Atlantic Insurance Company and Secretary of the Pacific Mutual Insurance Company remaining with the latter until its affairs were closed. He was a Trustee of the New Bedford Institution for Savings, Director of the Bristol County Mutual Insurance Company and one of the Directors of the Merchants Bank.

In 1852 Mr. Ricketson bought a small farm in Dartmouth on the corner of Dartmouth and Rockland Streets. This place was called Curtin Lot from having been once owned by John Curtin, but it was part of the original Ricketson property and in 1796 Benjamin Ricketson (great uncle of Benjamin Tucker Ricketson) devised it in his will to John Tripp for his lifetime

with the charge that he was to set out sixty apple trees. At the time of Mr. Ricketson's death in 1890 many of the trees were still bearing fruit.

The farm consisted of about eight acres of land and a small house, occupied for many years after Mr. Ricketson bought it, by John Tripp's two daughters Polly Tripp and Mrs. Phebe Craw. In 1871 after his retirement from business he devoted himself to the cultivation of Curtin Lot, driving back and forth twice daily from his home in New Bedford. He was a great lover of farming and owned many parcels of land, scattered about in various parts of Dartmouth and New Bedford, as well as the ancestral estate at Ricketson's Point, having bought out the shares of all but one of his brothers and sisters.

Mr. Ricketson was a man of the nicest sense of honour and business integrity and was universally respected.

The increasing publication of parish registers throughout Great Britain may reveal to the descendants of Eliza Cowdrey Warneck, wife of Benjamin Tucker Ricketson the story of her ancestry, but it is a sealed book to those now living. Her father, James Warneck, was a Scotchman ; her mother, Margaret Gorman, was Irish, and their granddaughter distinctly recalls the marriage certificate, long since lost, and the worn wedding ring which with a silver thimble marked "M. G." are the only relics which they left behind them.

James Warneck was a sailor and was lost at sea when his little daughter was only a few months old. Why his widow, now dependent on her own resources, with her baby girl, elected to brave the dangers of a long voyage on those especially perilous seas of the year 1816, and why she chose to come to the whaling port of New Bedford are mysteries to which we have no clue. She did so however, and took a position as housekeeper in the household of John Howland, one of the wealthiest and most esteemed of the Quaker citizens of New Bedford. He and his wife, Sarah (Howland) Howland, were childless and they be-

came so attached to the beautiful little Eliza that (although never legally adopted) she was brought up as their own child and her mother passed the rest of her life in a comfortable little home across the river in Fairhaven. Mrs. Warneck was a Protestant and certainly belonged to the better class of Irish, for the peasantry of 1800 were quite uneducated, and she was an omnivorous reader. We have no way of learning the names of James Warneck's parents, but we know that his mother was French and the combination of Scotch-Irish and French blood in his child is another argument in favor of the brilliancy said to result from a blending of races, for his daughter was an unusually brilliant woman. She had the warm heart, quick temper and sparkling wit which she inherited from her mother's people with all the vivacity and charm which are attributed to the French.

John Howland was too broad-minded a man to attempt in any way to coerce the inclinations of his adopted daughter, so she was never a member of the Friends Communion, but joined the Unitarian Church. None of her pictures does justice to her peculiar and exquisite loveliness; to the day of her death she retained her pink and white coloring, and her smile was so wonderfully radiant and winning that the children in the street used to turn to look after her. She and Mr. Ricketson — who was a kinsman of John Howland and his wife — were married in the parlour of the Howland house on Sixth Street, which still (1913) stands on the lower corner of Madison Street although now shorn of its once spacious grounds. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Joseph Angier, who was settled over the New Bedford Unitarian Church.

Children:

42 i. John Howland,[7] b. 21 September, 1837, at New Bedford.
43 ii. Sarah Howland,[7] b. 6 October, 1841, at New Bedford.
44 iii. Benjamin Tucker,[7] b. 9 August, 1842, at New Bedford.
45 iv. William Lindsay,[7] b. 27 November, 1843, at New Bedford.

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CHARLES WOOD[6] RICKETSON, son of Clark[5] (*John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Mary (Wood) Ricketson, born 9 December, 1815, Ricketson's Point, Dartmouth; married 4 September, 1845, Polly Haldan Cushing, daughter of Dr. Ezekiel Dodge and Delia (Sawyer) Cushing, born 31 October, 1816, Boston; died 10 February, 1872, New Bedford; died 27 September, 1866, Pittsburgh.

Charles Wood Ricketson began his business life as clerk for John Avery Parker of New Bedford. In 1833 he went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and began business on the corner of Liberty and Saint Clair Streets in wholesale sperm oil with William and John Avery Parker. The venture was not successful; in a financial crisis the firm failed and although he had taken the Poor Debtor Oath, Mr. Ricketson subsequently paid all his own debts as well as the greater part of his partners. His next business connection lasted until his death. He entered into partnership with William Miller of Philadelphia. The firm of Miller and Ricketson had large iron interests and the iron for the famous Rodman gun, now at the fort at Clark's Point, New Bedford, was made entirely in their furnaces.

Mr. Ricketson was president of a railroad and two banks, and was one of the promoters and directors of the Mechanics (now Mechanics National) Bank of Pittsburgh which he was much interested in bringing under the National Banking Law. He was also a director of the Bank of Pittsburgh and connected with the Alleghany Valley Railroad. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

A former clerk of his, Mr. J. S. Rymer of Pittsburgh, writes to his daughter, Mrs. Allen, "his word and promise were considered inviolate."

He was the soul of honor, public-spirited and foremost in all things for the good of his adopted city. He was very patriotic and at the time of the Civil War he equipped a Cavalry Company which was named for him.

He was a strikingly handsome man, of genial and charming personality, very popular and most generous and kind hearted. He had a town house in Pittsburgh, but during the summer and sometimes for the greater part of the year his family made their home at Bloomfield, Pennsylvania, where one of his furnaces was situated. He and his wife are buried in the family lot in the Dartmouth graveyard.

Child :

46 i. Lizzie Wood,[7] b. 8 August, 1850, Ricketson's Point.

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Mary Wood[6] Ricketson, daughter of Clark[5] (*John,*[4] *William,*[3] *William,*[2] *William*[1]) and Mary (Wood) Ricketson, born 20 August, 1817, Ricketson's Point, Dartmouth; married (intention, 16 June) 1 July, 1835, Thatcher Thomas, son of Robert and Lydia (Stetson) Thomas, born 30 November, 1806, Hanson, Massachusetts; died 18 June, 1894, Dartmouth; died 26 April, 1905, Hampstead, New Hampshire.

Mary Wood Ricketson was to have been sent to the Friends School at Providence, Rhode Island, and her little Quaker outfit was all ready, but when her father, finding how rigid and narrow were their customs and that they would not even allow her to wear "a bow of riband at her throat," he determined to send her instead to the Academy at Bradford, Massachusetts. Her brother Benjamin drove her there in his buggy. This was in 1831. She was very homesick but remained there for a year, when she fell ill and returned home. She was very beautiful and possessed great charm of manner. It is largely due to her recollections that we have been able to complete the records of this branch of the family. Mr. Thomas taught school for a short time, but subsequently became a farmer and during his lifetime their home was in Dartmouth. After his death his widow made her home with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Woodsum.

Children :

i. ROLAND CLIFFORD[7] THOMAS, b. 12 April, 1836, Dartmouth ; m. (1), 4 January, 1864, Mira Anna Almy, daughter of William Howland and Almira (Brownell) Almy, b. 20 July, 1845, Dartmouth ; d. 11 April, 1912, Bliss Corner, Dartmouth ; m. (2), 8 March, 1890, Livingston, Montana, Sarah Jane (Norton) Millard, daughter of Justus and Polly (Doubleday) Norton, b. 13 June, 1850, Syracuse, New York. He d. 10 May, 1913, Dorchester, Boston. Residence, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Thomas was a contractor and builder. He was returning home from Porto Rico where he had been for several years on account of his health, and died at the house of his sister, Mrs. Taylor, before he could reach Kansas City. He and his first wife were divorced. Children :

1. *William Almy*[8] *Thomas*, b. 22 November, 1866.
2. *Grace Clifford*[8] *Thomas*, b. 14 July, 1891, Livingston, Montana.

ii. PATIENCE BEAUVAIS[7] THOMAS, b. 22 April, 1837 ; m. 2 February, 1860, James Taylor, son of Stephen and Sally (Wood) Taylor, b. 4 March, 1819, Dartmouth ; d. 4 April, 1873, Boston. James Taylor was a sea-captain, and during his lifetime their home was in Dartmouth. His mother was a sister of Clark Ricketson's two wives and therefore great aunt to Patience Thomas. Mrs. Taylor now lives (1913) in Dorchester, Boston. Children :

1. *James Herbert*[8] *Taylor*, b. 19 March, 1863 ; d. 24 July, 1864, Dartmouth.
2. *James Herbert*[8] *Taylor*,* b. 9 September, 1865.
3. *Edward Howland*[8] *Taylor*,† b. 13 January, 1868.

iii. CLARK RICKETSON[7] THOMAS, b. 10 February, 1840 ; m. 10 October, 1861, Sarah Ann Horton, daughter of James Ezra‡ and Amanda (Bates) Horton, b. 10 October, 1837,

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* M. 24 May, 1893, Alice Isabella Gordon.

† M. 3 November, 1898, Harriet Frances Safford.

‡ James Ezra Horton, b. 17 March, 1809, Harrison County, Indiana ; Amanda Bates, b. 11 June, 1816, Smithfield, Rhode Island.

Yankeetown, Indiana; d. 23 November, 1896, Wichita, Kansas; d. 30 April, 1886, Terrill, Texas. Mr. Thomas lived at Terrill, Texas, and is there buried. Children:

1. *Francis Clifford*[8] *Thomas*, b. ——; d. ——.
2. *Rowland Clifford*[8] *Thomas*, b. ——; d. 30 September, 1885, Terrill, Texas.
3. *Robert Dwight*[8] *Thomas*, b. ——.

iv. JOHN SMITH[7] THOMAS, b. 15 June, 1841; d. 21 September, 1841.

v. MARY RICKETSON[7] THOMAS, b. 9 September, 1842; m. 27 October, 1864, William Henry Cummings, son of Caleb and Susan (Spaulding) Cummings, b. 13 January, 1824; d. 1 March, 1898. Mr. Cummings was for many years a school teacher. He was a man of much erudition and during the last part of his life was a preacher. Mrs. Cummings lives (1913) at Wakefield, Massachusetts. Children:

1. *Willie Thatcher*[8] *Cummings*, b. 5 December, 1865, Assonet, Massachusetts; d. 18 June, 1886.
2. *Mary Emeline*[8] *Cummings*,* b. 14 November, 1867, Princeton, Massachusetts.
3. *Rebecca Elizabeth*[8] *Cummings*, b. 14 November, 1869, Chesterfield, New Hampshire.
4. *Asa Barton*[8] *Cummings*,† b. 23 October, 1873, Halifax, Massachusetts.

vi. CLARA CLIFFORD[7] THOMAS, b. 16 October, 1845; unmarried. Residence (1913), Eustis, Florida.

vii. ROBERT THATCHER[7] THOMAS, b. 3 June, 1847; m. 3 October, 1888, Emma Mason, daughter of James and Julia Ann (White) Mason, b. 29 September, 1853. Residence, Chicago, Illinois. No children.

viii. EUGENIA[7] THOMAS, b. 28 June, 1850; d. 15 January, 1851.

ix. GRACE BARTON[7] THOMAS, b. 7 December, 1853, Dartmouth; m. 21 March, 1891, at Dartmouth, Walter Howard Woodsum, son of Jonas Hamilton and Dora Elizabeth (Rowell) Woodsum, b. 1 February, 1863. Mr. Woodsum was or-

* M. 25 July, 1889, Isadore Benoit of North Adams, Massachusetts.
† M. 28 July, 1894, Hattie Hammond of South Hanson, Massachusetts.

dained 11 September, 1895, at Barnstead, New Hampshire, and settled over the Congregational Church in that town. Thence he moved to Bath and in 1909 was pastor of the Congregational Church at Hampstead, New Hampshire. He and Mrs. Woodsum are now (1913) at Garrochales, Porto Rico. They have adopted two children to whom they have given their name. They are called Ethel and Dorothy Woodsum. Child:

1. *Marie Elizabeth*[8] *Woodsum*, b. 29 January, 1892, Dartmouth; d. 2 September, 1901, Bath, New Hampshire.

x. Asa Ricketson[7] Thomas, b. 20 August, 1857; d. 14 April, 1879, Terrill, Texas; unmarried. He is buried at Terrill.

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Henry Holsey[7] Ricketson, son of Captain Gideon[6] (*Henry*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Catherine Cushman (Kempton) Ricketson, born ——, 1815; married (intention, 21 July) 8 August, 1839, Lydorean Sherman, daughter of James* and Nancy (Sowle) Sherman, born 20 January, 1818; died 17 March, 1907, New Bedford; died 8 September, 1851, Sacramento, California.

The New Bedford marriage intention gives the date of Henry Ricketson's intention as 22 July. Mine is taken from Family Record.

Henry Ricketson was a sea-captain. In 1839 he was captain of the ship *Hercules* and in 1845 of the ship *Chile*. He and his wife are buried in his grandfather's lot in the Dartmouth Cemetery.

Children:

47 i. Jane Lydora,[8] b. 18 December, 1842, North Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

48 ii. Maria Sanford,[8] b. 25 February, 1846, Brockton, Massachusetts.

49 iii. Henry Frederick,[8] b. 16 April, 1848, Boston.

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* James Sherman and Nancy Sowle of Plymouth published 13 May, 1813.

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JOSEPH HENRY[7] RICKETSON, son of Benjamin Franklin[6] (*Henry*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Nancy A. (Wormell) Ricketson, born 15 September, 1839, Boston, Massachusetts; married 18 October, 1865, at Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, New York, Catherine Amelia Perrin, daughter of John and Amelia (Kenrick) Perrin, born 22 April, 1847; died 4 June, 1911, Brooklyn; d. 23 October, 1896, Brooklyn. Residence, Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Ricketson was an engineer and connected with the building of Brooklyn Bridge. He and his family are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn.

Children:

i. JOHN FRANKLIN,[8] b. 3 August, 1866; d. 21 November, 1869.
ii. JOSEPH HENRY,[8] b. 13 July, 1868; d. 21 February, 1911, Brooklyn.
iii. WILLIAM ALBERT,[8] b. 4 March, 1871; d. 8 February, 1872.
iv. FREDERICK AUGUSTUS,[8] b. 18 January, 1876; d. 29 October, 1880.
v. CATHERINE AMELIA,[8] b. 10 June, 1878; d. 30 October, 1880.
50 vi. HENRIETTA,[8] b. 30 June, 1880.
vii. FREDERICK,[8] b. 12 November, 1882; d. 19 October, 1911, Brooklyn.
51 viii. JOHN FRANKLIN,[8] b. 21 December, 1884.
ix. ANNIE AMELIA,[8] b. 8 November, 1887; d. 27 April, 1888.
52 x. WILLIAM GEORGE,[8] b. 27 March, 1889; unmarried 1910. Residence, Brooklyn, New York.

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JAMES CLARK[7] RICKETSON, son of Barton[6] (*Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Cécile Catherine (Ryder) Ricketson, born 26 February, 1831, Hallett's Cove, Long Island; married 13 February, 1854, Hetty Wilbur Howland, daughter of Joseph* and Peace (Kerby) Howland, born 13 August, 1832, Round Hill Farm, Dartmouth. He died 13 September, 1901, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

* Joseph,[6] Gideon,[5] Barnabas,[4] Benjamin,[3] Zoeth,[2] Henry[1] Howland.

James Clark Ricketson's earlier life was passed in New Bedford and he always looked upon it as his home. In 1863 he went west, settling first at Detroit, Michigan, where he remained for six years; in 1869 he moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and accepted a position with the old Wisconsin Iron Foundry which has now passed out of existence. Shortly before 1880 he became local manager of the Inter-Ocean Transportation Company which made Milwaukee its port; when its offices were closed in that city Mr. Ricketson retired from active business. Although earnestly interested in political movements and the success of the Republican party, Mr. Ricketson was never willing to hold office. He always said that he was a "private in the ranks" and while doing his duty at the polls he preferred to leave the offices to others. He was prominent in the business circles of Milwaukee and was much esteemed as a citizen.

Children:

53 i. Louise Cecile,[8] b. 1 May, 1856, New Bedford.

54 ii. James Ryder,[8] b. 31 December, 1857, New Bedford.

iii. Josephine Bates,[8] b. 7 April, 1860, New Bedford; d. 9 January, 1874.

55 iv. Frederick Beauvais,[8] b. 18 February, 1862, New Bedford; unmarried, 1917. Residence, Milwaukee. He has a large fruit raising plantation in Alabama, and is interested in lands in Northern Wisconsin.

v. Frances Howland,[8] b. 13 September, 1864; d. 22 September, 1864, Detroit, Michigan.

vi. Arthur Beauvais,[8] b. 13 September, 1864; d. 10 October, 1864, Detroit, Michigan.

56 vii. Martha Howland,[8] b. 24 February, 1867, Detroit.

57 viii. Sarah Eppendorff,[8] b. 7 January, 1869, Detroit.

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Barton Ricketson,[7] Jr., son of Barton[6] (*Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Cécile Catherine (Ryder) Ricketson, born 8 December, 1836, South Dartmouth, Massachusetts;

married 20 June, 1864, Hannah Sherman Pierce, daughter of Henry and Susan Southworth (Leach) Pierce, born 11 August, 1837, Waterville, Maine. He died 1 October, 1910, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Barton Ricketson was Treasurer of the New Bedford Savings Bank for many years. Later in life he was Government Inspector on the work on the breakwater at Ashtabula, Ohio, and also Inspector in the District of Philadelphia under Colonel Jared A. Smith.

Children :

58 i. ADDIE HIGGINS,[8] b. 5 October, 1865.
ii. PERCY BARTON,[8] b. 12 December, 1867; d. 30 July, 1868, New Bedford.
59 iii. HENRY JACKSON,[8] b. 18 May, 1870, New Bedford.
60 iv. FRANK BARTON,[8] b. 25 November, 1873, New Bedford. .
61 v. MARY LOUISE,[8] b. 2 April, 1881, New Bedford.

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CHARLES WOOD[7] RICKETSON, son of Barton[6] (*Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Cécile Catherine (Ryder) Ricketson, born 9 August, 1841, New Bedford; married 6 October, 1869, Susan Sears Smith, daughter of Captain Eben Ryder and Eunice (Sears) Smith, born 10 February, 1843. He died 17 July, 1908, New Bedford. Residence, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Mr. Ricketson was for many years connected with the Merchants National Bank. He is buried in the family lot at Padanarum.

Child :

i. ANNA COLLINS,[8] b. 10 June, 1871.

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ARTHUR BEAUVAIS[7] RICKETSON, son of Barton[6] (*Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Cécile Catherine (Ryder) Ricketson, born 1 September, 1846; married 7 December, 1875,

Rhoda Ann Williams, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Shields) Williams, born 20 November, 1845, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; he died 4 March, 1901, Mobile, Alabama. No children. Residence, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where Mr. Ricketson was connected with the Illinois Steel Company. He was on his way to New Bedford for the first visit in many years when he was taken ill with pneumonia and died very suddenly.

Adopted child:

KATHRYN MAE[8] RICKETSON, b. 14 December, 1892.

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JOHN HOWLAND[7] RICKETSON, son of Benjamin Tucker[6] (*Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Eliza Cowdrey (Warneck) Ricketson, born 21 September, 1837, New Bedford; married 8 May, 1862, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Clementine Garrison, daughter of Abram and Mary (Clement) Garrison, born 9 December, 1836, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; he died 20 July, 1900, Nonquitt, Massachusetts.

"*Integer Vitae*"

The sudden death of John H. Ricketson of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at Nonquitt on Friday, July twentieth, has brought grief to his many friends in Eastern Massachusetts no less than to those in his place of residence.

Mr. Ricketson was a native of New Bedford, having been born there in 1837. He graduated at Harvard in 1859. Among his classmates and life-long friends were William Everett, Professor John Chipman Gray, James Schouler, Francis Vergnies Balch, James Augustus Rumrill, Edward William Hooper, Ellis Loring Motte and others of equally distinguished merit in different walks of life. After graduating he studied law in the office of Governor Clifford of New Bedford and on his motion was admitted to the bar in Bristol County in 1861. He immediately removed to Pittsburgh where he began the practise of his profession, but

soon after opening his office an opportunity of engaging in business was offered to him which was too tempting to be resisted.

He entered into partnership with Mr. Abram Garrison, whose daughter subsequently became his wife, and from that time until his death he was successfully engaged in the manufacture of chilled rolls. He was president of the the A. Garrison Foundry Company with which he was connected for more than thirty years.

Mr. Ricketson brought great enterprise and untiring energy to whatever he became interested in. Full of enthusiasm and public spirit, he was soon identified with all the best interests and leading events in the city of his adoption. He was a director in the old Pittsburgh National Bank, a director in the Tenth Street Bridge Company, founder of the Harvard Club of Pittsburgh and president of the University Club. He had many flattering offers to represent the County of Allegheny in the House of Representatives at Washington and of many other political preferments, all of which he declined. He accepted, however, some important positions to which he was invited with the joint concurrence of all his fellow citizens.

At the dedication of the Carnegie Hall and Library he gave eloquent voice to the appreciation and gratitude with which the splendid gift was regarded by all classes and conditions of men.

Whenever the great iron interests of his city were to be represented, it was he who was always called upon to say the proper word which he never failed to do in the most agreeable and gracious way.

Much as he loved the state and the city where he passed the whole of his business life his affection for his birthplace and for the old Bay State never diminished but grew more and more strong with advancing years.

His early affiliations had been with the original Free Soilers and he took pride in the stand, which under the lead of Charles Sumner, our Commonwealth took in opposition to any and every

scheme for tampering with the rights of man. Had he lived earlier he would have been of the party of Garrison and Wendell Phillips and of their fellow abolitionists. He naturally took strong sides with the North in the War of the Rebellion, in fact he helped to raise a company of volunteers and was only prevented from going to the front by the breaking down of his health.

Mainly through his efforts the beautiful window designed by Lafarge, was placed in Memorial Hall at Harvard, an enduring testimonial by the class of '59 to the pride and affection felt by them for those who went forth from their ranks and gave their lives in defence of the Union.

Through his influence, the plan for building a new court house for Allegheny City was awarded to Henry Hobson Richardson, his classmate. This is one of the last great works of our distinguished architect, and is regarded as second to Trinity Church only in originality of design and in the perfection with which every detail is carried out.

Mr. Ricketson's life abounded in acts of kindness for others. Not merely of his purse but of himself he gave in unstinted measure. Nothing ever brought him so much exultation as success in some plan for relieving the wants of the friendless and the destitute. One day he met in the streets in Brooklyn an old gentleman whom he recognized as having been his teacher in his early school days. He found that he was in great distress because he had just been turned out of the little office in the New York Custom House which he had filled for years and on which he depended for the support of himself and his aged wife. The new Collector just appointed by President Hayes had made a clean sweep of the old incumbents in all departments for the purpose of replacing them with his political adherents. Mr. Ricketson's sympathies were at once enlisted. He had no acquaintance with the President, but he procured a letter of introduction to him and started for Washington on the

following day. The President was very busy on his arrival but at last received the applicant and listened to his plea, at first with some incredulity but soon with more interest, and when the story was told, he replied that so far as he could see "there were no politics in it" and proceeded to make his own enquiries into the truth of the old man's wrongs. The result was that within a week, the latter was reinstated in his former place. But this was not enough. Mr. Ricketson called upon all who had been his associates at school and a fund was established, so that when the old master was at last forced by the infirmity of age to relinquish all work he was enabled to live in comfort to the end of his days.

Jutting out into Buzzard's Bay, bounded on the west by Apponagansett River, there is a promontory known on the maps as Ricketson's Point, which had come down to Mr. Ricketson by direct descent through seven generations. On this point, looking down the Bay as far as the Elizabeth Islands, he was about to re-establish the homestead of his fathers, and had come to the neighboring shores of Nonquitt with his family to carry out the designs which had been completely prepared and which he hoped to bring into execution during the present summer. But this was not to be. His life was suddenly terminated by a sharp attack of the disease from which he had long been a sufferer.

Never was there a man of more magnetic and winsome personality. None ever left behind him a more tender memory of pleasant words, of helpful deeds, of intense sympathies.

> He was all sunshine; in his face
> The very soul of sweetness shone;
> Fairest and noblest of his race,
> None like him we can call our own. W.

The foregoing notice was published in the *Boston Advertiser* for 30 July, 1900. It was written by Mr. Ricketson's brother-in-law and friend, William Cross Williamson.

Mr. Ricketson is buried in the Rural Cemetery, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Children:

64 i. MARY ELIZA,[8] b. 27 February, 1863, at Pittsburgh.
65 ii. OLIVER GARRISON,[8] b. 15 October, 1864, at Pittsburgh.
66 iii. SARAH GARRISON,[8] b. 9 December, 1869, at Pittsburgh; unmarried. Residence, Pittsburgh.
67 iv. JOHN HOWLAND,[8] b. 11 April, 1875, at Pittsburgh.

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SARAH HOWLAND[7] RICKETSON, daughter of Benjamin Tucker[6] (*Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Eliza Cowdrey (Warneck) Ricketson, born 6 October, 1841, New Bedford; married 29 April, 1863, at her father's house, New Bedford, William Cross Williamson, son of Honorable Joseph and Caroline (Cross) Williamson, born 31 January, 1831, Belfast, Maine; died 13 June, 1903, Weston, Massachusetts; she died 12 January, 1916, Boston.

Sarah Howland Ricketson was named for her adopted grandmother. Her rare personal beauty was a true index to her unusual loveliness of character. She possessed a wonderful gift of sympathy and none who went to her for comfort, help, or counsel came hungry away. For many years she was one of the chief workers in the charity for Helping Destitute Mothers and Infants, where her remarkable insight into character and excellent judgment made her most valuable and where her influence for good over the unfortunate women was unbounded. She was for many years Treasurer of the Society and was also long a Director of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum which has since passed out of existence.

A perfect wife and mother. This is not the place to speak of her beautiful home life nor of the brightness and charm which none who came within her sweet and gracious presence can ever forget.

Mr. Williamson graduated from Harvard College in the Class of 1852. He was a member of the Hasty Pudding Club, of which he was both Secretary and Poet, the Institute of 1770, the A Δ Φ, the Pierian Sodality and several smaller and less known societies. At graduation he was Class Poet, but owing to the sudden death of his mother while on her way to Cambridge to attend the Class Day exercises, the poem was read by his classmate, Joseph Hodges Choate. In 1855 Mr. Williamson graduated from the Harvard Law School and took up his permanent residence in Boston. In 1856 he was admitted to the bar and became associated soon after with Elias Hasket Derby and when he retired from active practice, with his son, George Strong Derby. At first he took the court practice of the firm, and was known as a successful advocate with both courts and juries, but after the death of his partner, Mr. Derby, he gradually withdrew from this branch of the profession and devoted himself to chamber practice, conveyancing and the management of trust estates.

When a young man he was president of the Young Men's Democratic Club in Boston, and in 1861 was elected Commissioner in Insolvency. Between 1878 and 1888 he was on the School Committee and was its first president in 1888. He was appointed one of the commissioners on the publication of the Province Laws in 1890; all other public offices he invariably declined. He was a principal founder and counsel of the North End Savings Bank, a member of the Boston Cadets, the Union and Saint Botolph Clubs, the Harvard Musical Club, the Examiner Club and The Colonial Society of Massachusetts. In 1901 he was elected into the Harvard Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa in recognition of his scholarship.

His chief pleasure and interests lay in his home, in foreign travel, in music and in the study of the classics. Horace was his favorite author and he became one of the first Horatian scholars in the country. He had a fine collection of the best editions of Horace including some very rare ones of great an-

tiquity. At one time he contributed prose articles and poems to some of the leading magazines; his last poem was a noble sonnet on his chum and classmate, James Bradley Thayer, LL.D., of Harvard College, and his last literary work, a memoir of his elder brother, the Honorable Joseph Williamson, the historian of Belfast, Maine.*

Child:

i. Grace Williamson,[8] b. 29 August, 1864, Boston; m. 2 December, 1896, at King's Chapel, Boston, Henry Herbert Edes, son of Henry Augustus and Sarah Louisa (Lincoln) Edes, b. 29 March, 1849, Charlestown, Massachusetts. Residence, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mr. Edes is manager of the Conveyancers Title Insurance Company of Boston. He was educated in the public schools of Charlestown, is an honorary member of the Harvard Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa (1898), and in 1906 received the honorary degree of A. M. from Harvard University. In 1916 he was appointed Editor-in-Chief of the *Harvard Quinquennial Catalogue*. He is a Fellow, treasurer, and councillor of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; treasurer of The Colonial Society of Massachusetts and of The Cambridge Historical Society; president of the Unitarian Historical Society; and a member of the American Antiquarian Society, the Massachusetts Historical Society, Essex Institute and other societies. He is the editor of Wyman's *Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown*, and of the second volume of Foote's *Annals of King's Chapel, Boston;* and the author of the *History of the Harvard Church in Charlestown, Memoir of Josiah Barker*, and numerous other articles and memoirs, many of which are in the Publications of The Colonial Society. No children.

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Benjamin Tucker[7] Ricketson, Jr., son of Benjamin Tucker[6] (*Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Eliza Cow-

* From a notice of Mr. Williamson in the Harvard Graduates' Magazine for September, 1903, xii. 97–99.

drey (Warneck) Ricketson, born 9 August, 1842, New Bedford, Massachusetts; married ——, Mary Howard; born ——; died 22 February, 1903; he died 2 August, 1913, Vineland, New Jersey.

Child:

i. Mabel Warneck,[8] b. April, 1872; unmarried (1910). Residence, Plymouth, Massachusetts.

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William Lindsay[7] Ricketson, son of Benjamin Tucker[6] (*Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Eliza Cowdrey (Warneck) Ricketson, born 27 November, 1843, New Bedford, Massachusetts; married 22 July, 1882, at her father's house, New Bedford, Lizzie Dean, daughter of Joseph and Lucinda (Palmer) Dean, born 6 September, 1851; he died 14 May, 1914, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Ricketson was for many years superintendent of the A. Garrison Foundry Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He retired from business some time before his death and moved to Los Angeles, California, where his widow resides.

No children.

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Lizzie Wood[7] Ricketson, daughter of Charles Wood[6] (*Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Polly Haldan (Cushing) Ricketson, born 8 August, 1850, Ricketson's Point, Dartmouth, Massachusetts; married (1), 1 June, 1871, John Chaddock Allen, son of John Avery Parker and Abby (Chaddock) Allen, born 26 November, 1845, New Bedford; died 22 January, 1876, New Bedford; married (2), 15 April, 1878, John Mitchell Allen, son of Henry Manly and Matilda Elvina (Clark) Allen, born 24 June, 1842, Marion, Massachusetts; he died 13 February, 1912. Residence, South Dartmouth, Massachusetts. John Mitchell Allen was an architect.

Children:

i. Charlotte Ricketson[8] Allen, b. 19 January, 1873, New Bedford; d. 9 September, 1875.

ii. Horatio Cushing[8] Allen, b. 10 September, 1874, New Bedford; m. 10 September, 1902, at New Bedford, Sylvia Howland Taber, daughter of Edward Smith and Emily Howland (Allen) Taber, b. 24 January, 1872, New Bedford. Residence, New Bedford, Massachusetts. Dr. Allen took the degree of the doctor of medicine at the Harvard Medical School in 1901, and is now in practice in New Bedford. Children:

1. *Edward Taber*[9] *Allen*, b. 19 June, 1905, New Bedford.
2. *Elizabeth Ricketson*[9] *Allen*, b. 25 June, 1907, New Bedford.
3. *Horatio Cushing*[9] *Allen, Jr.*, b. 29 January, 1909, New Bedford.

iii. Matilda Clark[8] Allen, b. 3 February, 1880, New Bedford; unmarried 1916.

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Jane Lydora[8] Ricketson, daughter of Henry Holsey[7] (*Gideon*,[6] *Henry*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Lydorean (Sherman) Ricketson, born 18 December, 1842, North Bridgewater, Massachusetts; married 8 July, 1863, at New Bedford, Philip Morse Topham, son of Robert Carter and Bathsheba (Coffin) Topham, born 6 March, 1839, New Bedford; he died 5 January, 1897, Chelsea, Massachusetts.

Before the Civil War Mr. Topham was in the Merchants Service. He enlisted in Company C, 3d Massachusetts Volunteer Militia and also served in the United States Ship *Calypso*. After the war he was in the lumber business with his father. Mrs. Topham lives in New Bedford.

Children:

i. Robert Henry[9] Topham, b. 18 September, 1873; m. 30 November, 1893, Jennie Veronica O'Connor, daughter of Jeremiah Joseph and Mary (Marroney) O'Connor, b. 17 March, 1875, Providence, Rhode Island. Residence, Warren, Rhode Island. Occupation, Yacht Captain. No children.

ii. Mary Richmond[9] Topham, b. 16 October, 1877; m. 22 February, 1898, Henry Wilson Hammond, son of Francis Henry and Esther Annie (Haskins) Hammond, b. 22 April, 1875. Residence, New Bedford, Massachusetts. Mr. Hammond is in the employ of the Morse Twist Drill Company. Children:

1. *Myrtle Barton*[10] *Hammond*, b. 1 November, 1901, Fairhaven, Massachusetts.
2. *Marion Esther*[10] *Hammond*, b. 14 November, 1903, Fairhaven, Massachusetts.
3. *Dorothy Francis*[10] *Hammond*, b. 6 September, 1910, New Bedford.

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Maria Sanford[8] Ricketson, daughter of Henry Holsey[7] (*Gideon*,[6] *Henry*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Lydorean (Sherman) Ricketson, born 25 February, 1846, Brockton, Massachusetts; married 12 April, 1870, at Boston, Francis Sweetser, son of George Hay and Malvina Amanda (Melville) Sweetser, born 4 April, 1843, Boston; he died 12 January, 1914, Roxbury, Boston.

Mrs. Sweetser was first named Cornelia Brown, but her name was changed to Maria Sanford for an old friend of her uncle, Captain William Ricketson. Residence, Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Children:

i. George Francis[9] Sweetser, b. 16 August, 1873, Boston; 12 January, 1893, Boston. He is buried in the Henry Ricketson lot in the graveyard at Dartmouth, Massachusetts. He had taken a course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was about to return for more advanced instruction when he was stricken with typhoid fever. He and his brother were both youths of uncommon promise.

ii. Harold Ricketson[9] Sweetser, b. 9 October, 1882, Boston; d. 15 June, 1903, Misery Island, Salem Harbor, Massachusetts. He was drowned by the capsizing of a dory. He also was a student at the Institute of Technology.

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HENRY FREDERICK[8] RICKETSON, son of Henry Holsey[7] (*Gideon*,[6] *Henry*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Lydorean (Sherman) Ricketson, born 16 April, 1848, Boston; married 20 November, 1873, Annette Lucretia Boone, daughter of Alonzo Torrey and Deborah Ann (Plummer) Boone, born 19 July, 1855, Galesburg, Knox County, Maine.

Mr. Ricketson for a short time was in the employ of C. F. Hovey & Company, Boston, but has now been for many years a mining engineer. His home for a while was at Angels' Camp, Calaveras County, California, but he now (1910) lives at Ocean Park, Los Angeles County, California.

Children:

68 i. EDITH LUCRETIA,[9] b. 12 March, 1875, Galesburg, Illinois.

69 ii. WILLIAM NICKERSON,[9] b. 12 March, 1877, Galesburg, Illinois; unmarried 1910. Occupation, amalgamator and assayer.

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HENRIETTA[8] RICKETSON, daughter of Joseph Henry[7] (*Benjamin Franklin*,[6] *Henry*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*[2] *William*[1]) and Catherine Amelia (Perrin) Ricketson, born 30 June, 1880; married 14 November, 1901, New York, New York, Joseph Fox Homer, son of Joseph and Mary (Reilly) Homer, born 9 August, 1879, Camden, New Jersey. Residence, Brooklyn, New York. No children.

51

JOHN FRANKLIN[8] RICKETSON, son of Joseph Henry[7] (*Benjamin Franklin*,[6] *Henry*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*[1]) and Catherine Amelia (Perrin) Ricketson, born 21 December, 1884; married 20 January, 1908, Johannah Steih, daughter of Otto and Elizabeth (Gottfried) Steih; born 11 April, 1890; New York, New York. Residence, New York. Mr. Ricketson is employed by the Elevated Railroad.

Child:

i CATHERINE ELIZABETH[9] b. 25 November, 1908, d. 13 July, 1910.

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Louise Cecil[8] Ricketson, daughter of James Clark[7] (*Barton,*[6] *Clark,*[5] *John,*[4] *William,*[3] *William,*[2] *William*[1]) and Hetty Wilbur (Howland) Ricketson born 1 May, 1856, New Bedford, Massachusetts; married 23 September, 1885, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, John George Coleman, son of John Crapser and Ellen R. (LeFevre) Coleman, born 13 July, 1857, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Coleman is connected with the Wisconsin Malleable Iron Company.

Children:

i. James Ricketson[9] Coleman, b. 3 September, 1887, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ii. William LeFevre[9] Coleman, b. 15 May, 1889, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

iii. Cecile Howland[9] Coleman, b. 3 May, 1890, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; m. 11 June, 1913, Milwaukee, Edward Fuller Porter, son of Theodore Atkinson and Mary Kate (Fuller) Porter, b. 29 October, 1886, Charleston, South Carolina. Residence, Athens, Georgia. Mr. Porter is a cotton broker. Child:

1. *Cecile Coleman*[10] *Porter*, b. 2 June, 1915, Athens.

iv. Clement John[9] Coleman, b. 12 June, 1892, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

v. Ellen Belkfield[9] Coleman, b. 24 February, 1894, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

vi. Frederick George[9] Coleman, b. 9 April, 1897, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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James Ryder[8] Ricketson, son of James Clark[7] (*Barton,*[6] *Clark*[5], *John,*[4] *William,*[3] *William,*[2] *William*[1]) and Hetty Wilbur (Howland) Ricketson, born 31 December, 1857, New Bedford, Massachusetts; married 2 October, 1895, at Windsor, Ontario, Margaret Leona Gorman, daughter of Patrick and Catherine (Murphy) Gorman, born 24 February, 1857, New York, New York. Head of the firm of Ricketson and Schwartz, — building material and paint supply, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Residence, Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin. No children.

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MARTHA HOWLAND[8] RICKETSON, daughter of James Clark[7] (*Barton*,[6] *Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*,[1]) and Hetty Wilbur (Howland) Ricketson, born 24 February, 1867, Detroit, Michigan; married 12 November, 1889, Thomas Edward Camp, son of Hoel Hinman and Anna Searle (Bigelow) Camp, born 1 August, 1865, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Camp is connected with the First National Bank.

Child:

i. JANET GORDON[9] CAMP, b. 15 March, 1893, Milwaukee. Residence, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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SARAH EPPENDORFF[8] RICKETSON, daughter of James Clark[7] (*Barton*,[6] *Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*,[1]) and Hetty Wilbur (Howland) Ricketson, born 7 January, 1869, Detroit, Michigan; married 10 July, 1907, Beauvais Woods, Easton, Maryland, Charles Hagan Barr, son of Charles Bonaventure and Annie M. (McGinnis) Barr, born 21 December, 1864, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Residence, Bronxville, New York. Mr. Barr is a business man, and an artist in metals.

Child:

i. CHARLES BONAVENTURE[9] BARR, b. 10 August, 1908, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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ADDIE HIGGINS[8] RICKETSON, daughter of Barton[7] (*Barton*,[6] *Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*,[1]) and Hannah Sherman (Pierce) Ricketson, born 5 October, 1865, married 22 June, 1892, at New Bedford, William Pitman Covell, son of George Albert and Lucy Ann (Leonard) Covell, born 11 June, 1865, New Bedford. Residence, New Bedford, Massachusetts. Mr. Covell is a book-keeper. Mrs. Covell is a singer.

Child:

i. CECILE[9] COVELL, b. 17 September, 1894, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

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HENRY JACKSON[8] RICKETSON, son of Barton[7] (*Barton*,[6] *Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*,[1]) and Hannah Sherman (Pierce) Ricketson, born 18 May, 1870, New Bedford, Massachusetts; married 25 December, 1909, Fall River, Massachusetts, Laura Belle Gifford, daughter of Charles Nichols and Anna Dyer (Gray) Gifford, born 23 December, 1878, Fall River, Massachusetts. Residence, Suncook, New Hampshire. Occupation, Agent of the Suncook Mills.

Child:

i. LEONARD CHACE[9] b. 24 July, 1910, Concord, New Hampshire.

60

FRANK BARTON[8] RICKETSON, son of Barton[7] (*Barton*,[6] *Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*,[1]) and Hannah Sherman (Pierce) Ricketson, born 25 November, 1873, New Bedford, Massachusetts, married 20 June, 1900, at the Unitarian Chapel, New Bedford, Ella Dexter Brightman, daughter of Charles Oliver and Anna (Crowin) Brightman, born 25 November, 1878, New Bedford, died 17 February, 1905, New Bedford. Mr. Ricketson lived for several years at New Bedford, but is now (1913) agent for the Ponemah Mills at Taftville, Connecticut.

Child:

i. CATHERINE[9] b. 3 December, 1901; died in childhood.

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MARY LOUISA[8] RICKETSON, daughter of Barton,[7] (*Barton*,[6] *Clark*[5], *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*,[1]) and Hannah Sherman (Pierce) Ricketson, born 2 April, 1881, New Bedford; married 19 January, 1902, Walter Wallace Cooper, son of George G. and Josephine (Hubbard) Cooper, born 6 November, 1879, Ashtabula, Ohio. Residence, Canton (now Ashland,) Ohio. Mr. Cooper is in the boot and shoe business.

Child:

i. WALLACE RICKETSON[9] COOPER, b. 2 July, 1902, Ashland, Ohio.

64

MARY ELIZA[8] RICKETSON, daughter of John Howland,[7] (*Benjamin Tucker*,[6] *Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*,[1]) and Clementine (Garrison) Ricketson, born 27 February, 1863, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; married (1), 12 January, 1893, at her father's house, Pittsburgh, Paschall Carr, son of Walter Bent and Eugenia (Paschall) Carr, born 18 August, 1858, died 15 October, 1897, Woodlawn, Ulster County, New York.

Married (2), 12 February, 1912, at her mother's house, Pittsburgh, Colonel Herbert Jermain Slocum, U. S. A., son of Colonel Joseph Jermain and Sallie (L'Hommedieu) Slocum, born 25 April, 1855, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Carr was Vice-President of the Missouri Safe Deposit Company. Residence, Saint Louis, Missouri. Colonel Slocum entered West Point in 1872. He was assigned to the Seventh Regiment United States Cavalry, as Lieutenant and served in the North West, and was later stationed at Fort Totten, North Dakota. He is now (1914) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Colonel Slocum's first wife was Miss Florence Brandreth.

No children.

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OLIVER GARRISON[8] RICKETSON, son of John Howland[7] (*Benjamin Tucker*,[6] *Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*,[1]) and Clementine (Garrison) Ricketson, born 15 October, 1864, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; married 15 November, 1892, at Calvary Church, Pittsburgh, Margaret Carnegie, daughter of Thomas Morrison and Lucy (Coleman) Carnegie, born 11 June, 1872.

Mr. Ricketson took several courses at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was connected with the A. Garrison Foundry Company of Pittsburgh, but has now retired from business. He has a summer home at Ricketson's Point, Dartmouth, Massachusetts, and a place at Dungeness, Florida.

Children:

i. Oliver Garrison,[9] b. 19 September, 1894, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Graduated from Harvard College, 1916.

ii. Thomas Carnegie,[9] b. 14 September, 1898; d. 19 September, 1898, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

iii. Lucy Carnegie,[9] b. 14 September, 1899, New York, New York.

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John Howland[8] Ricketson, son of John Howland[7] (*Benjamin Tucker*,[6] *Clark*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*,[1]) and Clementine (Garrison) Ricketson, born 11 April, 1875, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; married 10 January, 1899, at the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, Anna Verner Scaife, daughter of Charles Cook and Priscilla Murrey (Verner) Scaife, born 26 November, 1875, Pittsburgh. Mr. Ricketson graduated from Harvard College in 1897 and entered the A. Garrison Foundry Company of Pittsburgh, of which he became President on the death of his father, in 1900. Residence, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Child:

i. John Howland,[9] b. 21 September, 1902, in the same room in the same house in which his father was born on Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh.

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Edith Lucretia[9] Ricketson, daughter of Henry Frederick[8] (*Henry Holsey*,[7] *Gideon*,[6] *Henry*,[5] *John*,[4] *William*,[3] *William*,[2] *William*,[1]) and Annette Lucretia (Boone) Ricketson, born 12 March, 1875, Galesburg, Illinois; married 3 August, 1910, at Ocean Park, California, Eugene Archie Reed, son of Alonzo Colbert and Mary Jane (Gannells) Reed, born 27 March, 1880, Los Angeles, California. Residence, Ocean Park, Los Angeles, California. Mr. Reed is a mining engineer.

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